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Wickham Elementary Celebrating their win at the Weber-Borlaug Tournament

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The name of Patron members will be listed in every issue of En Passant. The extra money will be added to the IASCA budget and spent as the membership directs.

Players at the Kirkwood Room in Iowa City. Front right with back facing: Ashok Nakhasi, his opponent Ziwen Zhou. Further back Steve Patterson, Arnie Gatton, Anson James, Eric Vigil, Ed Reedy, Bill Broich, and Stan Felgar.

A State Championship Event!

April 12. Class E/Under State Championship. Open to U1200. 5-SS. G/30 with 5 second delay. Class E (1000-1199); Class F (800-999); Class G (600-799); Class H/Under (U600). **Where:** Kirkwood Community College, 1816 Lower Muscatine Road, Iowa City, IA 52240. **Reg:** On site 8:30-9:30am. Players may play up one section if they are within 100 rating points of next sections rating floor. **Rds:** 10, lunch break, 12, rds 3, 4, and 5 ASAP. **EF:** $10 if postmarked by 4/8; $15 at Site. **Prize Info:** Medals to top 3 in classes E, F, G. Medals to top 3 & Best U400 in Class H/Under. **US Chess Federation (USCF) membership required.** On-Site Available. **Send Entry Fee to:** Eric Vigil, 445 Galway Dr., Iowa City, IA 52246 or register by email at evigil@gmail.com or call 319-621-3116. **Additional Info:** tournament directors will be Eric Vigil, Jess Fiedorowicz, and Tony Thompson.

April 12. Kirkwood Chess Wars VII. Open to over 1200. Two sections: 1200-1599 and over 1550. **1200-1599:** 4-SS. G/55 with 5 second delay. **Over 1550:** 3-SS. G80 with 10 second delay. **Where:** Kirkwood Community College, 1816 Lower Muscatine Road, Iowa City, IA 52240. **Reg:** On site 8:30-9:30am **Rds: 1200-1599:** 10, lunch break, 12:30, 2:30 and round 4 ASAP. **Over 1550:** 10, lunch break, 1:15, and round 3 ASAP. **EF:** $20 at Site. **Prize Info: 1200-1599:** 1st $80; 2nd $60; 3rd $40; top U1400 $40 based on 12 entries. **Over 1550:** 1st $100; 2nd $75; 3rd $50; top U1800 $50 **PRIZE FUND UNCONDITIONALLY GUARANTEED** for this section. **US Chess Federation (USCF) membership required.** On-Site Available. **Pre-register:** register by email at evigil@gmail.com or call 319-621-3116. **Additional Info:** tournament directors will be Eric Vigil, Jess Fiedorowicz, and Tony Thompson.

April 19-20. Heart of America Spring Class Championships. 6 Sections: Open, A, B, C, D, U/1200 & Unr. 5-SS G/120 + 5. Ramada Inn, 1601 N Universal Ave., Kansas City MO 64120. HR: $59 for 1-4 in a room or $59 for a King room – reserve by 4/3 or rate increases – mention "Heart of America Chess" for the group rate. Prizes: $5,000 UNCONDITIONALLY GUARANTEED!!! Open: $600-$400-$300; Under 2300: 250-150-100-75 A/B/C/D/ U1200&Unr: 250-175-125-75 each section! EF: $45 postmarked by April 7, 2014 - $60 at the door On site registration 8-9:30 on 4/19. Rds: 10, 2:30, 7; Sunday 9&2 Byes: any round – must commit by 5pm on 4/19. Advance entries: Bob Holliman, PO Box 1871, Independence, MO 64055. Discounts: group entries, families – contact the organizer via email Questions: chess_entries@comcast.net - put "HOA Spring" in the subject line.

Apr 25 - 27. 8th Annual Okoboji Open (IASCA GP Qualifier). 5-SS G/120 for all rds in the 3 day option. 2 day option has G/90 for rds 1 and 2 and G/120 for rds 3-5. Sections merge after rd 2. Arrowwood Resort & Conference Center, 1405 Highway 71 S, Okoboji, IA 51355. **Reg:** Make checks payable to Jodene Kruse. On site registration 5:00-5:45pm on 4-25 (3 day option) and 8:00-8:45am on 4-26 (2 day option). **Rds:** 3 day option: Friday 6:00pm; Saturday 9:00am, 4:30pm; Sunday 9:00am; 2:30pm. 2 day option: Saturday 9:00am-1:00pm-4:30pm; Sunday 9:00am; 2:30pm. 2 and 3 day options merge after rd 2. **EF:** $50 (juniors and seniors $40) if received by April 18th. $60 cash or $65 check onsite. GM's and IM's free entry. **Prize Info:** Top 3 (guaranteed) $500+Trophy-$350-$150. U2000,U1800,U1600 $80-$50. (b/30) **US Chess Federation (USCF) membership required.** On-Site Available. **IASCA membership required**, $15, $10 Jr. or Sr. On-Site Available. (Other states memberships accepted). **Send EF to:** Make checks payable to Jodene Kruse and mail to 934 6th Street Sibley, IA 51249 or email to jodene77@yahoo.com. **Additional Info:** One half-point bye allowed if requested in advance. Register Online at https://www.onlineregistration.cc. $71 Hotel rate if reserved by April 12th. Call the Arrowwood resort at 1-800-727-4561.
SIDE EVENT: IM John Bartholomew will be giving a simul on 4/25 at 4:30PM, Simul cost $10

Apr 25 - 27. 8th Annual Okoboji Reserve (Under 1600) 5-SS G/120 for all rds in the 3 day option. 2 day option has G/90 for rds 1 and 2 and G/120 for rds 3-5. Sections merge after rd 2. Arrowwood Resort & Conference Center, 1405 Highway 71 S, Okoboji, IA 51355. **Reg:** Make checks payable to Jodene Kruse. On site registration 5:00-5:45pm on 4-25 (3 day option) and 8:00-8:45am on 4-26 (2 day option). **Rds:** 3 day option: Friday 6:00pm; Saturday 9:00am, 4:30pm; Sunday 9:00am; 2:30pm. 2 day option: Saturday 9:00am-1:00pm-4:30pm; Sunday 9:00am; 2:30pm. 2 and 3 day options merge after round 2. **EF:** $40 if received by April 18th. $50 cash or $55 check onsite. **Prize Info:** Top 3 (guaranteed) $200+Trophy-$100-$50; U1400 & U1250 : $75-50; U1000 : $50 (b/20) **US Chess Federation (USCF) membership required.** On-Site Available. **Send Entry Fee to:** Make checks payable to Jodene Kruse and mail to 934 6th Street Sibley, IA 51249 or email to

#	Player	Pre	Post	Pre-Q	Post-Q	1	2	3	4	T
1	Saleem, Arshaq	2048*	2054*	1759*	1771*	W6	W4	W3	D2	3.5
2	Zhou, Ziwen	2048*	2040*	1632*	1664*	W11	W10	D9	D1	3.0
3	Krishnamurthy, Pr	1736*	1733*	1598*	1594*	W12	W15	L1	W13	3.0
4	Power, Clive Scot	1653*	1674*	1404*	1469*	W13	L1	W17	W9	3.0
5	Takahashi, Michae	1390*	1391*	1313*	1319*	W14	L9	W22	W15	3.0
6	Lodh, Anish	1280*	1294*	1265*	1280*	L1	W22	W18	W14	3.0
7	Denison, Ana L	1179*	1247*	1198*	1260*	L9	W26	W21	W10	3.0
8	Swamy, Rishabh	1109*	1225*	1139*	1250*	L10	W12	W26	W11	3.0
9	Thangavel, Gokul	1694*	1697*	1704*	1681*	W7	W5	D2	L4	2.5
10	Jetty, Milind	1532*	1505*	1497*	1465*	W8	L2	W16	L7	2.0
11	Chen, Jason H	1352*	1326*	1383*	1352*	L2	W18	W24	L8	2.0
12	Knecht, Teresa Ph	1189*	1175*	1230*	1213*	L3	L8	W29	W16	2.0
13	Shogrenknaak, Ja	1087*	1088*	1149*	1141*	L4	W24	W20	L3	2.0
14	Palaniappan, Arju	974*	971*	961*	958*	L5	W29	W19	L6	2.0
15	Power, Josiah Tho	851*	879*	804*	848*	W19	L3	W28	L5	2.0
16	De Geest, Gray	899*	925*	948*	973*	W25	W17	L10	L12	2.0
17	Selva, Karthik B	931*	908*	992*	967*	W21	L16	L4	W25	2.0
18	Popov, Maxim	932*	929*	973*	968*	W23	L11	L6	W28	2.0
19	Lodh, Anjali	678*	688*	682*	692*	L15	W27	L14	W26	2.0
20	Mao, Helen	369/09	455/13	381/09	477/13	L26	W23	L13	W29	2.0
21	Joshi, Shreya Ana	101/03	298/06	101/03	314/06	L17	B0	L7	W24	2.0
22	Chevuru, Jayanths	744*	735*	825*	809*	W28	L6	L5	D23	1.5
23	Kapadia, Palak H	405/00	438/04	405/00	476/04	L18	L20	W27	D22	1.5
24	Madanprasad, Mrit	537*	489*	607*	556*	W27	L13	L11	L21	1.0
25	Porter, Mason C	518*	476*	615*	566*	L16	L28	B0	L17	1.0
26	Oberender, Daniel	728*	701*	784*	750*	W20	L7	L8	L19	1.0
27	Patel, Aaril Rake	497/00	101/03	497/00	101/03	L24	L19	L23	B0	1.0
28	Valiyaparmbil, Ma	431/00	554/04	431/00	596/04	L22	W25	L15	L18	1.0
29	Lan, Lisa	273/09	253/12	296/09	276/12	H0	L14	L12	L20	0.5

Anand to face Carlson in Rematch for the World Title
By Mark Capron

Viswanathan Anand won the right to play Magnus Carlson for the World Title by dispatching his colleagues rather handily at the recent Candidates tournament. Anand scored 8.5/14 to win the tournament by a full point. His closest rival was Sergey Karjakin. Kramnik and Aronian were further back in the pack. The next World Title match is scheduled to be held in November. Here is Anand's first round win over Aronian.

Viswanathan Anand − Levon Aronian [C88]
Candidates 2014 Khanty−Mansiysk, RUS (1.3), 27.02.2014
1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.0-0 ♗e7 6.♖e1 b5 7.♗b3 0-0 8.h3 ♗b7 9.d3 d5 10.e×d5 ♘×d5 11.♘bd2 ♕d7 12.♘×e5 ♘×e5 13.♖×e5 ♘f6 14.♖e1 ♖ae8 15.♘f3 ♗d6 16.♗e3 ♖e7 17.d4 ♖fe8 18.c3 h6 19.♘e5 ♗×e5 20.d×e5 ♖×e5 21.♕×d7 ♘×d7 22.♖ed1 ♘f6 23.c4 c6 24.♖ac1 ♖5e7 25.a4 b×c4 26.♗×c4 ♘d5 27.♗c5 ♖e4 28.f3 ♖4e5 29.♔f2 ♗c8 30.♗f1 ♖5e6 31.♖d3 ♘f4 32.♖b3 ♖d8 33.♗e3 ♘d5 34.♗d2 ♘f6 35.♗a5 ♖de8 36.♖b6 ♖e5 37.♗c3 ♘d5 38.♗×e5 ♘×b6 39.♗d4 ♘×a4 40.♖×c6 ♖d8 41.♖c4 ♗d7 42.b3 ♗b5 43.♖b4 ♘b2 44.♗×b5 a×b5 45.♔e3 ♖e8+ 46.♔d2 ♖d8 47.♔c3 1-0

Tyagi and Saleem will represent Iowa in the 2014 Denker and Barber

By Bill Broich

Congratulations to Kushan Tyagi and Arshaq Saleem, the 2014 Denker and Barber Iowa representatives. The Denker and Barber qualifying events were held at Jordan Creek Elementary School in West Des Moines, IA on February 1, 2014. The Denker and Barber tournaments are held annually in conjunction with the U.S. Open. This year the U.S. Open will be July 26th through August 3rd at the Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando, FL. The Denker tournament is open to high school students. Only 3 players participated in the Denker qualifier this year, Kushan Tyagi, Sam Cole, and Chrissy Vigil. Kushan finished with 2 points, Sam with 1 and Chrissy with none. Both Sam and Chrissy played extra games supporting the Barber tournament by playing against players who received byes. This is the third time Kushan has won the right to represent Iowa in the prestigious Denker tournament at the U.S. Open. Again, congratulations to Kushan Tyagi, the 2014 Denker representative for Iowa. Twenty-nine players competed in this year's Barber qualifying tournament which is open to all school players in grades K-8. This event was very competitive this year. Ziwen Zhou and Arshaq Saleem were the two top ranked players, both have expert ratings. Ziwen won this event last year. Ziwen drew with Gokul Thangavel in the 3rd round which forced him to win against Arshaq in the final to win the event. They played to a draw as they have so many times, giving Arshaq the title. Arshaq finished with 3.5 points out of 4 while seven players tied for second with 3 points each. Ziwen claimed 2nd on tie-break, Clive Power took 3rd, Pranav Krishnamurthy 4th and Anish Lodh claimed 5th. Trophies were given to the top 5 places. Also, finishing with 3 points but missing a trophy by tie-break were Michael Takahashi, Ana Denison, and Rishabh Swamy. Josiah Power won the U1000 trophy over three players, Arjun Palaniappan, Gray De Geest, and Karthik Selva by tie-break. All 4 players finished with 2 points. The U800 trophy went to Maxim Popov by tie-break over Anjali Lodh, both players finished with 2 points. Helen Mao won the U600 trophy out-right with 2 points and Lisa Lan claimed the U400 trophy with a half point. Congratulations to all who participated and thank you for attending the tournament. The weather was not pleasant and many parents traveled from eastern Iowa for this tournament. I also want thank the Jordan Creek Elementary School officials and volunteers as well as all the parent volunteers. Without you chess tournaments are not possible. The venue was excellent. IASCA president Eric Vigil and long time chess enthusiast Ben Munson both played a vital role in securing this location. Eric also served as the assistant TD. I hope we will have tournaments at Jordan Creek Elementary School in the future. Pictures at: http://www.chess.com/photos/view_album/WJB2200/iowa-barberdenker-qualifying-tournament?page=1

Chess helps you to concentrate, improve your logic. It teaches you to play by the rules and take responsibility for your actions, how to problem solve in an uncertain environment. **Garry Kasparov**

My problem with chess was that all my pieces wanted to end the game as soon as possible. **Dave Barry**

A woman can beat any man; it's difficult to imagine another kind of sport where a woman can beat a man. That's why I like chess. **Alexandra Kosteniuk**

I started by just sitting by the chessboard exploring things. I didn't even have books at first, and I just played by myself. I learnt a lot from that, and I feel that it is a big reason why I now have a good intuitive understanding of chess. **Magnus Carlsen**

The human element, the human flaw and the human nobility - those are the reasons that chess matches are won or lost. **Viktor Korchnoi**

jodene77@yahoo.com. **Additional Info:** One half-point bye allowed if requested in advance. Register online at https://www.onlineregistration.cc. $71 Hotel rate if reserved by April 12th. Call the Arrowwood resort at 1-800-727-4561.

May 17 – 18. Ice Harbor Scholastic Open. A weekend Scholastic Open Tournament with Friday night Chess960, Saturday night Bughouse, and 2 free weekend friends & parents sections. Main Event: Five Sections (1) Grades K-3 Open, (2) K-6 Open, (3) K-6 U800, (4) K-12 Open, and (5) K-12 U1200. 80 Individual main event trophies, 15 Team x 3 players (45 total main event team trophies), 20 Chess960, & 30 Bughouse trophies. **Where:** Grand River Center & Grand Harbor Resort and Water Park, 500 Bell Street, Dubuque, IA 52404 **Reg:** On Site: 5/16: 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm; 5/17: 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Online: www.onlineregistration.cc. **Rds:** K-3 Open, K-6 U800 & K-12 U1200: 7 SS, G/45 d5, Sat 10, 12:30, 2:30, 4:30 pm, Sun 9:00, 11:00, 1:30; 3 byes available w/registration. K-6 & K-12 Open, 5SS, G/75 d5, Sat 10, 1:30, 4:30, Sun 9, 12:30; 2 byes available w/registration. **Entry Fee:** $45 if postmarked/paid online by 4/17, $50 by 5/7, $55 after 5/7 or on site. **Prize Info:** TROPHIES (Main Event): Top 10 Individuals Overall all sections plus class trophies by section: K-3 Open Top 2 U600, U300, & UNR; K-6 Open Top 3 U1200 & U1000; K-6 U800 Top 2 U600, U300 & UNR; K12 Open Top 3 U1600 & U1400; K-12 U1200 Top 2 U900, U600, and UNR. Top 3 teams in each section (plaques for each player). **US Chess Federation (USCF) membership required.** On-Site Available. **Send Entry Fee to:** Online: **www.onlineregistration.cc**. Mail: Payable to Chess in Iowa, c/o James Hodina, 3411 Blue Pointe Ct. SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404. **Additional Info:** WEBSITE: **www.iceharborchess.com**. EMAIL: James Hodina at **james.hodina@chessinowa.org** SIDE EVENTS: $5 per player/event. Chess960: Fri 7:00 pm, 2 Sections: K-6 & K-12. 4 Rds, G/10 d5, Trophies K-12 & K-6: 1st-10th. Bughouse: Sat 7:30 pm, One section, 5 Rds, 2 Games/Rd, G/5 d0, Trophies: K-12: 1st-10th & K-6: 1st-5th each player. Friends & Parents: Free Entry. 4 Rds, G/60 d5. 2 Sections, Rated and Unrated. RDS: Sat: 1:30 & 4:30, Sun: 9 & 1.

May 17 – 18. 2014 May Open 4 SS. G/120 (2 hours) with 5 seconds delay. Ask an employee where is the playing hall. One half-point bye allowed, players entering after the start of round 1 will receive one half-point bye. **Where:** Dahl's Foods ,15500 Hickman Road ,Clive ,IA 50325 **Reg:** 11:00 AM to 11:45 AM. Lunch 12:00-12:30 **Rounds:** Saturday 12:30-5:00; Sunday 12:30-5:00 **Entry Fee:** $10 **Prize Info:** Based on 16 entries: Open: 1st place $50, 2nd place $40 Under 1800: 1st place $30, 2nd place $20 Under 1400: 1st place $10. **US Chess Federation (USCF) membership required. Send Entry Fee to:** Mathew at mmjacob20@yahoo.com. **Additional Info:** No smoking. Wheelchair accessible. Show up if you want to play. No need to reply. Bring set, board, and clock.

Jun 15. 2014 June Open (IASCA Mini-Qualifier).This is Sunday, not on Saturday. Open to all. 4-SS, G/60 + 5 sec delay. One half-point bye allowed, players entering after the start of round 1 will receive one half-point bye. **Where:** Room 108 (ground floor), FFA Enrichment Center at the DMACC, 1055 SW Prairie Trail Parkway, Ankeny, IA 50023 **Reg:** 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM **Rds:** 10:00 - 12:30 - 3:00 – 5:30 **Entry Fee:** $25 **Prize Info:** 1st Place = $125, 2nd Place = $100, U1900, U1500, U1200 $75 each, (based on 26 entries) **US Chess Federation (USCF) membership required. IASCA membership required**, $15, $10 Jr. or Sr. On-Site Available. **Send Entry Fee to:** Show up at site. **Additional Info:** mmjacob20@yahoo.com. Wheelchair accessible.No smoking.Free parking.A sign language/voice interpreter will be provided.Show up if you want to play.No need to reply.Bring your set, board, and clock. Directions:From Interstate 35 (I-35) Take I-35 either North or South to Ankeny.Take the Oralabor Road exit (same as airport) & Go West If you are coming from the north,this is a right turn If you are coming from the south,this is a left turn.After driving about 2 miles,you will run into South Ankeny Blvd. Turn right onto South Ankeny Blvd.Turn left on DMACC Blvd.Turn right on SW Campus Court.;From Interstate 80 (I-80) in Des Moines Take the 2nd Avenue exit north (Highway 415).Drive to Oralabor Road in Ankeny.Turn right on Oralabor Road.Turn left at the first stoplight DMACC Blvd.Turn left on SW Campus Court.

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2014 Cedar Rapids Leather Jackets Open & Reserve

March 1-2 Cedar Rapids TD: James Hodina

#	Player	Pre	Post	1	2	3	4	5	T
1	Keating, Robert F	2155*	2166*	W9	W11	D2	W4	W5	4.5
2	Brashaw, Daniel	2098*	2111*	W6	W3	D1	W5	D4	4.0
3	Neal, James Alex,	1994*	1995*	W7	L2	D4	D9	W8	3.0
4	Saleem, Arshaq	2048*	2035*	W12	D10	D3	L1	D2	2.5
5	White, James Lee	1721*	1791*	H0	W8	W10	L2	L1	2.5
6	Thangavel, Gokul	1703*	1719*	L2	W7	D9	L8	W12	2.5
7	Venkat, Abhyudhay	1581*	1594*	L3	L6	B0	D12	W9	2.5
8	Pounraj, Karthike	2055*	2008*	L11	L5	W12	W6	L3	2.0
9	Krishnamurthy, Pr	1725*	1721*	L1	W12	D6	D3	L7	2.0
10	Medrano, Daniel	1827*	1818*	X0	D4	L5	U0	U0	1.5
11	Power, Clive Scot	1655*	1687*	W8	L1	U0	U0	U0	1.0
12	Johnson, Robert A	1636*	1601*	L4	L9	L8	D7	L6	0.5

#	Player	St	Pre	Post	1	2	3	4	T
1	Carson, Bethany	IA	1590*	1628*	W12	W4	W16	W5	4.0
2	Broich, William	IA	1487*	1493*	W8	W13	L5	W10	3.0
3	Takahashi, Michae	IA	1400*	1412*	D10	W11	D7	W13	3.0
4	Johnson, Daniel	IA	1374*	1402*	W21	L1	W15	W14	3.0
5	Carson, Tim	IA	1330*	1452*	W19	W14	W2	L1	3.0
6	Knecht, Teresa Ph	IA	1205*	1211*	L16	W26	W18	W12	3.0
7	Sellon, Dustin J	IA	1400*	1386*	D9	W27	D3	D8	2.5
8	Kozich, Andrew Jo	IA	1272*	1283*	L2	W17	W24	D7	2.5
9	Vigil, Eric Golf	IA	1257*	1262*	D7	W18	L10	W16	2.5
10	Scharosch, Austin	IA	1258*	1298*	D3	W23	W9	L2	2.5
11	Vongpanya, Sayoth	IA	1091*	1119*	W28	L3	D19	W25	2.5
12	Huber, Christophe	IA	1300*	1284*	L1	W21	W22	L6	2.0
13	Lodh, Anish	IA	1233*	1235*	W20	L2	W27	L3	2.0
14	Denison, Ana L	IA	1225*	1219*	W25	L5	W17	L4	2.0
15	Denison, Christin	IA	1096*	1086*	W26	L19	L4	W27	2.0
16	Paniah, Komiga	MN	693/15	895/19	W6	W20	L1	L9	2.0
17	Hassel, Charles	IA	1298/00	1062/04	W24	L8	L14	W23	2.0
18	Essex, Robert Dem	IA	1181/00	1055/04	W23	L9	L6	W22	2.0
19	Jacobs, Steve	IA	1520*	1482*	L5	W15	D11	U0	1.5
20	Hopkins, George A	IA	1335*	1226*	L13	L16	L25	W28	1.0
21	Power, Matthew Sc	IA	1237*	1203*	L4	L12	W26	U0	1.0
22	Zastrow, Mason	IA	891*	829*	L27	W28	L12	L18	1.0
23	Vigil, Barry J	IA	955*	919*	L18	L10	W28	L17	1.0
24	Power, Josiah Tho	IA	823*	830*	L17	W25	L8	U0	1.0
25	Ciha, Trevor Lee	IA	688/20	734/24	L14	L24	W20	L11	1.0
26	Vigil, Crissy	IA	581*	574*	L15	L6	L21	B0	1.0
27	Lady, Jayne Erin	IA	249/14	362/18	W22	L7	L13	L15	1.0
28	Ryder, Cynthia E	IA	637*	607*	L11	L22	L23	L20	0.0

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Cyclone Chess Club Championship

February 6-28 Ames TD: Roger Gotschall

#	Player	Pre	Post	1	2	3	4	T
1	CROUSE, TIM	1822*	1826*	W12	W10	D2	W5	3.5
2	HERR, JOHN EDWARD	1792*	1812*	W8	W11	D1	W6	3.5
3	SHOGREN-KNAAK, JA	1177*	1363*	W7	W4	L5	W10	3.0
4	TOWNSEND, KEVIN	1887*	1852*	D5	L3	W9	W7	2.5
5	CHEN, JASON H	1241*	1403*	D4	W9	W3	L1	2.5
6	POLZIN, WILLIAM J	1739*	1699*	L10	W12	W11	L2	2.0
7	GOTSCHALL, ROGER	1400*	1407*	L3	W8	W10	L4	2.0
8	MCCARTHY, CHARLES	1262/00	1426/04	L2	L7	W12	W11	2.0
9	KAPKE, PAUL A	1618*	1554*	L11	L5	L4	W12	1.0
10	SCHAROSCH, AUSTIN	1247*	1258*	W6	L1	L7	L3	1.0
11	WU, KUANCHUEN	1232/04	1312/08	W9	L2	L6	L8	1.0
12	LAFRENTZ, QUINN A	1195*	1175*	L1	L6	L8	L9	0.0

Tim Crouse won a 2 game playoff versus John Herr to secure the title.

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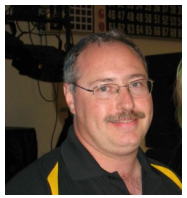
Hello From the Editor:

Inside you will find contributions from: Ron Nurmi, Bill Broich, Eric Vigil, Sam Smith, Jim Hodina, Cub Noble, Bob Holliman, Romy Lodh, Matt Power, Clive Power, Hank Anzis, Connor Snyder, and Tom Hesse. Cover picture from Mark Capron. Back cover picture from Romy Lodh.



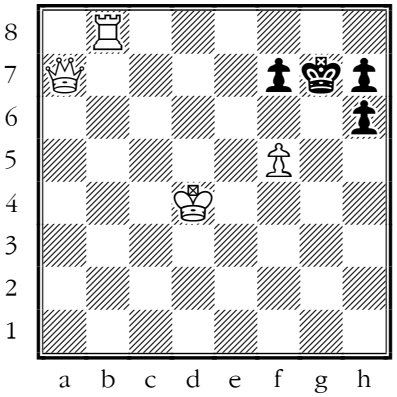
Congratulations to Tim McEntee, Arshaq Saleem, James Neal, Ziwen Zhou, Dan Brashaw, and Bob Keating for qualifying for the Closed Championship to be held on March 29-30.

Congrats to Teresa Knecht, Arshaq Saleem, and Kushan Tyagi. The will represent Iowa at the Girls National Championship, Barber National Championship, and the Denker National Championship, respectively. These will all be held in conjunction with the US Open in July in Florida.

Note the address of the new website to go official in June/July is www.iowa-chess.org. (just has a dash). Rex Gray has been developing this site over the past year. He has done a great job. Check it out when you can.

As always when you see chess news please submit it. —Mark Capron

Puzzle Time:



White to move and win in two
Submitted by Connor Snyder

Ask the TD:

I was the highest rated for tourney during the tournament. Yet, when the USCF crosstable was published, I was the 3rd highest. Why were the tournament ratings and USCF different? Does this happen quite a lot? What is it based on?

This is normal. Here is why. The rules generally (there are exceptions as always) require the TD to use the last "published" rating for players. Published ratings come out on the first of every month now (in years past they came out every other month). However, the USCF rates tournaments in the order in which they were played. So for the tournaments at the end of the month you can imagine how many of your opponents (or you) had played in events earlier in the month so their real rating was higher or lower than their rating was on the first of the month. Bottomline is that the pre-tournament ratings are not accurate for all players ever. —**Mark Capron**, USCF Senior Director and FIDE National Arbiter

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Jul 12 – 13. 2014 July Open. 4 SS. G/120 (2 hours) with 5 seconds delay. Ask an employee where is the playing hall. One half-point bye allowed, players entering after the start of round 1 will receive one half-point bye. **Where:** Dahl's Foods,15500 Hickman Road, Clive, IA 50325 **Reg:** 11:00 AM to 11:45 AM. Lunch 12:00-12:30 **Rds:** Saturday 12:30-5:00; Sunday 12:30-5:00 **Entry Fee:** $10 **Prize Info:** Based on 16 entries: Open: 1st place $50, 2nd place $40 Under 1800: 1st place $30, 2nd place $20 Under 1400: 1st place $10. **US Chess Federation (USCF) membership required. Send Entry Fee to:** Mathew at mmjacob20@yahoo.com. **Additional Info:** No smoking. Wheelchair accessible. Show up if you want to play. No need to reply. Bring set, board, and clock.

Aug 9 – 10. 2014 August Open. 4 SS. G/120 (2 hours) with 5 seconds delay. Ask an employee where is the playing hall. One half-point bye allowed, players entering after the start of round 1 will receive one half-point bye. **Where:** Dahl's Foods,15500 Hickman Road, Clive, IA 50325 **Reg:** 11:00 AM to 11:45 AM. Lunch 12:00-12:30 **Rounds:** Saturday 12:30-5:00; Sunday 12:30-5:00 **Entry Fee:** $10 **Prize Info:** Based on 16 entries: Open: 1st place $50, 2nd place $40 Under 1800: 1st place $30, 2nd place $20 Under 1400: 1st place $10. **US Chess Federation (USCF) membership required. Send Entry Fee to:** Mathew at mmjacob20@yahoo.com **Additional Info:** No smoking. Wheelchair accessible. Show up if you want to play. No need to reply. Bring set, board, and clock.

A State Championship Event!
Aug 15. 2014 Iowa Quick Chess Championship. Open to all. 6-SS, G/10, d2. Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, 300 E 9th St. (I-80, SE side of Exit 242), Coralville, IA 52241. **Reg:** 6 - 7 pm or in advance **Rds:** 7:15pm, 7:45, 8:15, 8:45, 9:15, 9:45 **EF:** $15 if postmarked by 8/11; $25 On Site; $5 off if out of state. IM and GM Free (EF deducted) **Prize Info:** $280 in PRIZES 1st = $100+Trophy 2nd = $60 U2000 = $40, U1600 = $40, U1200 = $40 (Based on 25 entries) **US Chess Federation (USCF) membership required.** On-Site Available. **Send Entry Fee to:** IASCA, c/o Mark Capron, 3123 Juniper Dr., Iowa City, IA 52245. or Register online at **www.onlineregistration.cc** **Additional Info:** The Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, Chess rate available, $99 only until 7/25/14, rates may increase after this date. Pool, restaurant, more restaurants in walking distance. 319-688-4000.

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A Heritage Event!
Aug 16-17. 60th Iowa Open Championship (USCF & FIDE Rated) IASCA GP Super Qualifier. 5-SS, G/90, i30. Accelerated pairings may be used in Rounds 1-2. IASCA Super GP Qualifier. Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, 300 E 9th St. (I-80, SE side of Exit 242), Coralville, IA 52241. **Reg:** 8:30am and ends at 9:30am **Rds:** Sat 10, 2:30, & 7:30; Sun 9:30 & 2:30 **EF:** $57 if postmarked before 8/11; $69 at site. IM & GM free-EF deducted from any prize, Jrs. & Sr. $10 off, $10 off Out of state residents. **Prize Info:** Prizes: ($1900 b/65 Top 3 Gtd) 550+T-300-150 U2200, U2000, U1800, U1600 150/75 each. **US Chess Federation (USCF) membership required.** On Site Available. **IASCA membership required**, ($15, $10 Jr. or Sr.) or Out of State Accepted (OSA). On-Site Available. **Send Entry Fee to:** IASCA, c/o Mark Capron, 3123 Juniper Dr., Iowa City, IA 52245 or register online at **www.onlineregistration.cc** **Additional Info:** USCF and FIDE Rated!! Byes: Bye available Rounds 1-3 if requested prior to start of round. Rounds 4-5 only if requested prior to tournament starting. USCF – August 2014 Rating List will be used for pairing purposes. FIDE rules will be used. Head Floor TD will be Bill Broich. Chess Magnet School JGP. Call 319-321-5435 or mcapron243@mchsi.com or broich01@yahoo.com **Directions:** Take I-80 to exit 242, go south to 9th street, take a left and follow to the end of 9th street and you are there! The Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, Chess rate available, $99 only until 7/25/14, rates may increase after this date. Pool, restaurant, more restaurants in walking distance. 319-688- 4000.

A State Championship Event!
Aug. 16. 2014 Iowa Reserve Championship
Open to U1600. 4-SS, G/75 d5. Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, 300 E 9th St. (I-80, SE side of Exit 242), Coralville, IA 52241. **Reg:** On site 8:30-9:30am **Rds:** Sat: 10, (Lunch) 1:30, 4:30, & 7:15. **EF:** $30 if postmarked by 8/11; $40 at Site; Jrs, Srs, and Out of State $5 Off. **Prize Info:** $340 in PRIZES 1st = $140+Trophy 2nd = $90 3rd = $60 **US Chess Federation (USCF) membership required.** On-Site Available. **IASCA membership required**, $15, $10 Jr. or Sr. On-Site Available. **Send Entry Fee to:** IASCA, c/o Mark Capron, 3123 Juniper Dr., Iowa City, IA 52245 or register online at **www.onlineregistration.cc** **Additional Info:** Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, 300

32.♘d4 d5 33.♕c5 ♕a7 34.♘c6 ♕a6 35.♕×e7 ♖f7 36.♕×f7 ♕×e2+ 37.♔g1 ♕e3+ 38.♔g2 ♕e2+ 39.♔g1 ♖×c6 40.♕f8+ ♘g8 41.♖×c6 ♕×d1+ 42.♔f2 ♕d2+ 43.♔f1 ♕d3+ 44.♔f2 ♕d2+ 45.♔f1 ♕d3+ 46.♔f2 ♕d2+ ½-½

Bethany Carson (1546) − Edin Divanovic (1920) 2014 Broken Pawn Reserve (U2000) (4)
1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 d6 3.♘c3 g6 4.♘f3 ♗g7 5.♗g5 0-0 6.e3 h6 7.♗h4 g5 8.♗g3 ♘c6 9.♗d3 ♘b4 10.♗b1 ♗g4 11.a3 ♘c6 12.h3 ♗h5 13.0-0 g4 14.h×g4 ♘×g4 15.♘d5 e5 16.♘h4 e×d4 17.♕d3 f5 18.♘×f5 ♘ce5 19.♘fe7+ ♔h8 20.♕h7#
1-0

Bethany Carson

Christine Denison

Anson James

Bob Reynolds

Tim Carson

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10.♗h4 ♗d7 11.a3 ♕e8 12.0-0 ♘h7 13.♔h1 h5 14.f3 ♗h6 15.b3 ♗e3 16.♕c2 ♘c5 17.♖ab1 f5 18.b4 a×b4 19.a×b4 ♘a4 20.e×f5 ♘×c3 21.♕×c3 ♗d4 22.♕c2 ♗×f5 23.♗d3 ♖a3 24.♘b3 ♗e3 25.♖be1 ♗h6 26.♗×f5 ♖×f5 27.♘d4 ♖f4 28.♘b5 ♖×h4 29.♘×a3 ♗f4 30.h3 g5 31.♕f2 ♕d8 32.♔g1 g4 33.f×g4 h×g4 34.g3 ♘g5 35.♔g2 ♖×h3 36.g×f4 ♘f3 37.♖h1 ♘h4+ 38.♔g1 ♘f3+ 39.♔g2 ♘×e1+ 40.♖×e1 ♖×a3 41.f×e5 ♖f3 42.♕c2 ♕h4 43.♕g6+ ♔f8 **0-1**

Joey Kelly (2041) – George Eichhorn (1900)
2014 Expert+ Open (2)
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e5 3.d×e5 d4 4.♘f3 ♘c6 5.a3 ♗e6 6.e3 d×e3 7.♕×d8+ ♖×d8 8.♗×e3 ♘ge7 9.♗g5 h6 10.♗×e7 ♗×e7 11.♘bd2 ♗f5 12.b4 0-0 13.b5 ♘d4 14.♘×d4 ♖×d4 15.f3 ♖e8 16.♘b3 ♖d7 17.♔f2 ♗c2 18.♘a5 ♗c5+ 19.♔g3 ♖×e5 20.h4 ♖d2 21.♔h3 ♖e3 22.♘×b7 ♗d4 23.♖c1 ♗f5+ 24.♔h2 ♖×f3 25.♖d1 ♖h3# **0-1**

Dan Brashaw (2102) – Suhas Kodali (2012)
2014 Expert+ Open (3)
1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.0-0 ♗e7 6.♖e1 b5 7.♗b3 d6 8.c3 0-0 9.d4 ♗g4 10.♗e3 ♘a5 11.♘bd2 ♘×b3 12.♕×b3 ♗e6 13.♕c2 ♘g4 14.♘f1 f5 15.e×f5 ♖×f5 16.♘g3 ♖f8 17.d×e5 d×e5 18.♖ad1 ♕e8 19.h3 ♖×f3 20.g×f3 ♘×e3 21.♖×e3 ♗×h3 22.♖e5 ♕f8 23.♖h5 **1-0**

Jose Gatica (2098) – Kushan Tyagi (2062)
2014 Expert+ Open (3)
1.♘f3 ♘f6 2.c4 c6 3.♘c3 d5 4.e3 e6 5.b3 ♘bd7 6.♗b2 a6 7.♕c2 ♗d6 8.a3 0-0 9.♖g1 e5 10.g4 e4 11.g5 ♘e8 12.♘d4 ♘e5 13.f4 e×f3 14.0-0-0 d×c4 15.b×c4 ♕e7 16.a4 ♗a3 17.♘e4 ♗×b2+ 18.♔×b2 b5 19.c5 b×a4 20.♕×a4 ♗e6 21.♖c1 ♗d5 22.d3 ♖b8+ 23.♔a1 ♗×e4 24.d×e4 ♕b7 25.♕a3 ♘c7 26.♗c4 ♘b5 27.♕a2 ♘×d4 28.e×d4 ♘×c4 29.♖×c4 ♕e7 30.♕c2 ♖b5 31.♖a4 ♖fb8 32.♖×a6 ♕b7 33.♖a2 f2 34.♖f1 ♖b1+ **0-1**

Jeremy Madison (2025) – Tim Mc Entee (2203) 2014 Expert+ Open (3)
1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.g3 d6 5.♗g2 g6 6.0-0 ♗g7 7.d3 0-0 8.h3 ♗d7 9.♗e3 ♖b8 10.a4 a6 11.♕d2 b5 12.a×b5 a×b5 13.♗h6 ♕c8 14.♔h2 e5 15.♗×g7 ♔×g7 16.♘h4 b4 17.♘e2 ♖a8 18.f4 ♖×a1 19.♖×a1 h6 20.c3 ♕b7 21.d4 b×c3 22.b×c3 ♕b6 23.f×e5 d×e5 24.d5 ♘a5 25.♕a2 ♘b3 26.♖f1 c4 27.g4 ♕e3 28.♕a6 ♘e8 29.♘g3 ♘d2 30.♖c1 ♘f6 31.♕d6 ♕g5 32.♖c2 ♕×h4 33.♕×e5 ♘b3 34.♖f2 ♖e8 35.♕f4 ♕g5 36.♕d6 ♗×g4 37.♕c6 ♖e5 38.♕×c4 ♘c1 39.♕d4 ♘b3 40.♕c4 ♘c1 ½-½

Mark Kernde (1885) – Ivan Wijetunge (1878)
2014 Expert+ Open (3)
1.d4 ♘f6 2.♘f3 e6 3.e3 c5 4.♗d3 d5 5.b3 ♗e7 6.0-0 0-0 7.♗b2 b6 8.♘e5 ♕c7 9.f4 ♘c6 10.a3 c×d4 11.e×d4 ♗d6 12.♘d2 ♘d7 13.♖f3 f5 14.c4 ♘f6 15.c×d5 e×d5 16.♖c1 ♗×e5 17.d×e5 ♘e4 18.♗b5 ♗b7 19.♘×e4 d×e4 20.♖fc3 ♖ad8 21.♕c2 ♕d7 22.♗×c6 ♕d4+ 23.♔h1 ♗×c6 24.♖×c6 ♕e3 25.♖d6 ♕×f4 26.♖×d8 ♖×d8 27.e6 ♕d6 28.♖f1 ♕×e6 29.♕c3 ♖d7 30.♖e1 h6 31.h3 ♖e7 32.♖d1 f4 33.♖d8+ ♔h7 34.♕c2 f3 35.♖d1 ♕f5 36.♗d4 ♖d7 37.♕f2 ♕h5 38.♖d2 ♖d6 39.♗e3 ½-½

Awonder Liang (2363) – Robert Reynolds (2026) 2014 Expert+ Open (3)
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 d×e4 4.♘×e4 ♘d7 5.♘g5 ♘gf6 6.♗d3 e6 7.♘1f3 ♗d6 8.♕e2 h6 9.♘e4 ♘×e4 10.♕×e4 ♕c7 11.0-0 b6 12.♕g4 ♔f8 13.b3 ♘f6 14.♕h4 ♗b7 15.♗b2 ♘d5 16.♘e5 ♕e7 17.♕e4 ♖d8 18.♕f3 ♕f6 19.♗e4 ♕×f3 20.♗×f3 ♘e7 21.c4 f6 22.♘d3 ♘f5 23.♖fd1 h5 24.g3 ♔f7 25.a4 a5 26.c5 ♗c7 27.c×b6 ♗×b6 28.♘c5 ♗a8 29.♖ac1 g5 30.♗g2 e5 31.♗e4 ♘×d4 32.♗×d4 ♖×d4 33.♖×d4 e×d4 34.♘d3 c5 35.♗×a8 ♖×a8 36.♘×c5 ♖c8 37.♘d3 ♖×c1+ 38.♘×c1 ♔e6 39.♘d3 ♔d5 40.f3 ♗c7 41.♔f2 ♗d6 42.♔f1 f5 43.♔g2 ♗c7 44.h3 ♗d6 45.♔f2 ♗c7 46.♘c1 ♔c5 47.♘d3+ ♔d5 48.♘c1 ♔c5 ½-½

Edin Divanovic (1920) – Aaron Anderson (1409) 2014 Broken Pawn Reserve (U2000) (1)
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.♘d2 ♗d7 4.♘gf3 e6 5.♗d3 c5 6.c3 ♘c6 7.0-0 ♕b6 8.d×c5 ♗×c5 9.e×d5 e×d5 10.♘g5 h6 11.♕h5 g6 12.♗×g6 f×g6 13.♕×g6+ ♔d8 14.♘f7+ ♔c7 15.♕g3+ ♔c8 16.♘×h8 ♘ge7 17.♘b3 ♘f5 18.♕g8+ ♘d8 19.♘×c5 ♕×c5 20.♘f7 ♔c7 21.♗f4+ **1-0**

Tim Carson (1325) – Tony Dutiel (1865)
2014 Broken Pawn Reserve (U2000) (1)
1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 ♘f6 4.♘c3 ♘d4 5.♗e2 ♘×e2 6.♕×e2 d6 7.h3 ♗e7 8.d3 0-0 9.♗g5 c6 10.0-0 ♘h5 11.♗d2 ♘f4 12.♗×f4 e×f4 13.d4 f5 14.e5 g5 15.e×d6 ♗×d6 16.♕c4+ ♔g7 17.♘e5 ♕f6 18.♖ae1 ♗e6 19.♕e2 ♖ae8 20.♕h5 ♕h6 21.♕×h6+ ♔×h6 22.b3 ♗b4 23.♘a4 ♗×e1 24.♖×e1 g4 25.h×g4 f×g4 26.♘c5 ♗c8 27.c3 ♔g7 28.♘e4 ♗f5 29.♘d6 ♖e7 30.♘×f5+ ♖×f5 31.b4 h5 32.a4 **0-1**

William Polzin (1752) – Edin Divanovic (1920) 2014 Broken Pawn Reserve (U2000) (2)
1.c4 ♘f6 2.♘c3 g6 3.g3 ♗g7 4.♗g2 0-0 5.♘f3 d6 6.0-0 ♘c6 7.d4 ♗g4 8.d5 ♗×f3 9.♗×f3 ♘e5 10.♗g2 ♘×c4 11.♕b3 ♘b6 12.♗f4 ♘h5 13.♗e3 f5 14.f4 ♘f6 15.h3 ♘h5 16.♔h2 ♘d7 17.♘b5 a6 18.♘d4 ♘c5 19.♕c2 a5 20.♖ac1 ♘f6 21.b3 ♔h8 22.♘b5 ♘fe4 23.♗d4 ♗f6 24.♗×e4 ♘×e4 25.♗×f6+ ♘×f6 26.♖fd1 c5 27.d×c6 b×c6 28.♕×c6 ♖c8 29.♕b7 ♖b8 30.♕c6 ♖b6 31.♕c4 ♕d7

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Aug. 16, Rated Beginner Open (RBO)
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Player	Events	QP
Robert Keating	6	44.11
Dan J. Brashaw	6	33.5
Ziwen Zhou	6	32.31
James Neal	7	26.51
Arshaq Saleem	6	24.31
Tim McEntee	4	18.81
Valeriy Kosokin	2	16.5
Seth Koenig	3	12.5
Kevin Townsend	1	10.5
Frank Li	4	9.2
Robert L. Reynolds	2	7.5
James White	3	6.86
Gokul Thangavel	3	6
George Eichhorn	1	6
Kushan Tyagi	2	5.5
Milind Jetty	2	5.5
Daniel Vasto	2	4.81
Thomas Gaul	2	2.81
Ivan Wijetunge	2	2.81
Jiahua Zhang	1	2.81
Siem Tesfaslase	1	2.81
Tony Thompson	3	2
Tim Crouse	3	1.72
William Polzin	2	1.72
Pranav Krishnamurthy	4	1.2
Brian Archibald	2	1.2
Steven Patterson	4	0.86
Eric Vigil	3	0.86
Steve H Jacobs	2	0.86
Eric Eitrheim	2	0.86
Paul Kapke	1	0.86
Bradley Haas	1	0.86
Jason Chen	1	0.86

Many more with 0 points.

I remember once I was in Switzerland and my wife told me,'I put some of your stuff in the safe – the code is very easy to remember, it's 2706, so you can take whatever you need.' And I told her, 'Well, 2706 is not really a good Elo rating. Normally it's rounded off to the nearest 5 or 10'. So I told her I couldn't see how I could remember that. She looked a bit shocked and then she explained to me that the 27th June is our anniversary. - Viswanathan Anand

ANTI HUNGER GAMES

12/30/2013 Iowa City TD: Eric Vigil

Under 1000 Section

#	Player	Pre	Post	PreQ	PostQ	1	2	3	4	5	T
1	Scharosch, Austin	1222/20	1229/25	1006/14	1101/19	W7	W2	D3	W4	W5	4.5
2	Vigil, Barry J	851*	912*	838*	899*	W9	L1	W8	W12	W4	4
3	Luo, Andy	996*	985*	1028*	1006*	W8	W14	D1	L5	W6	3.5
4	Chen, Jonathan	991*	977*	1035*	1006*	W20	W6	W11	L1	L2	3
5	Huerter, Nikalaus	809*	858*	857*	890*	W15	L10	W13	W3	L1	3
6	Lande, Pete	605*	610*	610*	615*	W16	L4	W17	W14	L3	3
7	Dixit, Arun	102/09	224/14	102/09	226/14	L1	W9	L12	W17	W15	3
8	Wu, Athena	413/04	493/09	417/04	497/09	L3	W19	L2	W13	W12	3
9	Fasse, Luke	498/00	248/04	498/00	250/04	L2	L7	D15	B0	W14	2.5
10	Lu, Morgan	1278*	1283*	1388*	1391*	W17	W5	U0	U0	U0	2
11	Wei, Nathan	956*	938*	992*	973*	W19	W18	L4	U0	U0	2
12	Rutkowski, Domini	378/05	377/10	407/05	397/10	L18	W20	W7	L2	L8	2
13	Rutkowski, Sebast	103/05	128/09	103/05	128/09	L14	W16	L5	L8	B0	2
14	Phillips, Carter	526/00	281/05	526/00	283/05	W13	L3	W19	L6	L9	2
15	Huerter, George	250/05	182/10	252/05	183/10	L5	L17	D9	W16	L7	1.5
16	Gerke, Max	385/00	107/05	385/00	107/05	L6	L13	W20	L15	D17	1.5
17	Ren, Hutchinson	312/00	179/05	312/00	180/05	L10	W15	L6	L7	D16	1.5
18	Zhang, Benjamin	543/00	645/02	543/00	673/02	W12	L11	U0	U0	U0	1
19	Selby, Patrick Jo	392/00	101/03	392/00	101/03	L11	L8	L14	U0	U0	0
20	Fasse, Jack	393/00	101/03	393/00	101/03	L4	L12	L16	U0	U0	0

Quick Section									
#	Player	Pre-Q	Post-Q	1	2	3	4	5	T
1	Neal, James Alex,	1780*	1875*	W8	W2	W3	W4	W6	5
2	Brashaw, Daniel	2043*	2034*	W4	L1	W5	W3	W8	4
3	Wijetunge, Ivan	1788*	1784*	W5	W7	L1	L2	W4	3
4	Medrano, Daniel	1721*	1699*	L2	W8	W7	L1	L3	2
5	Takahashi, Michael	1319*	1313*	L3	B0	L2	D6	D7	2
6	Lu, Morgan	1391*	1404*	U0	U0	W8	D5	L1	1.5
7	Knecht, Teresa P	1202*	1191*	B0	L3	L4	L8	D5	1.5
8	Johnson, Robert A	1382*	1364*	L1	L4	L6	W7	L2	1

Games submitted by Hank Anzis:

Robert Reynolds (2026) − Tim Mc Entee (2203) 2014 Expert+ Open (1)
1.♘f3 c5 2.c4 ♘c6 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.g3 d6 5.♗g2 ♗f5 6.d3 ♕d7 7.a3 h6 8.b4 c×b4 9.a×b4 ♘×b4 10.♘d4 ♘c6 11.♘×c6 b×c6 12.♕a4 ♖c8 13.♕×a7 g6 14.♕b6 ♕c7 15.♕×c7 ♖×c7 16.♖a8+ ♗c8 17.♗e3 ♘d7 18.0-0 ♗g7 19.♘a4 c5 20.♗d2 d5 21.♗a5 ♔d8 22.♗×d5 ♘f6 23.♗b7 ♔d7 24.♘b6+ 1-0

Jeremy Madison (2025) − Jose Gatica (2098) 2014 Expert+ Open (1)
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 d×e4 4.♘×e4 ♘d7 5.♗c4 e6 6.♘f3 ♘gf6 7.♘g3 ♘b6 8.♗b3 a5 9.a4 ♘bd5 10.0-0 ♗e7 11.c3 ♕c7 12.♖e1 b6 13.♘e5 ♗b7 14.♘h5 ♘×h5 15.♕×h5 ♗f6 16.♘g4 0-0-0 17.♕h3 ♗a6 18.♕f3 h5 19.♘×f6 g×f6 20.♗×d5 c×d5 21.♕×f6 ♗d3 22.♗f4 ♕d7 23.b4 ♔b7 24.b×a5 b×a5 25.♕e5 ♖c8 26.♖a2 ♕c6 27.♖c1 ♔a7 28.♕f6 ♕d7 29.♗e5 ♖hg8 30.f3 ♕b7 31.♕f4 ♖c6 32.♕d2 ♕a6 33.♖b2 ♖gc8 34.♕f4 ♗g6 35.♕d2 ♖c4 36.♖b5 ♖×a4 37.♕b2 ♗d3 38.♖b8 ♕c6 39.♗d6 [Black lost on time] **1-0**

George Eichhorn (1900) − Kushan Tyagi (2062) 2014 Expert+ Open (1)
1.♘c3 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.g3 g6 4.♗g2 ♗g7 5.e4 e6 6.d3 ♘ge7 7.♕e2 0-0 8.0-0 d6 9.♖e1 ♖b8 10.♗f4 b5 11.♖ad1 e5 12.♗g5 f6 13.♗c1 ♗g4 14.♕d2 ♕d7 15.♘e2 d5 16.e×d5 ♘×d5 17.♘c3 ♘×c3 18.b×c3 ♖fd8 19.♕e3 ♗f8 20.♕e4 b4 21.c4 ♖bc8 22.♗b2 ♗h6 23.♖a1 ♗f5 24.♕e2 ♖e8 25.♘d2 ♘d4 26.♗×d4 e×d4 27.♗d5+ ♔h8 28.♘e4 ♗g7 29.♕f3 h5 30.♕f4 g5 31.♘×g5 f×g5 32.♕×g5 ♗h7 33.♕×h5 ♖e7 34.♖×e7 ♕×e7 35.♔f1 ♕e5 36.♕h3 ♕f5 37.g4 ♕f4 38.♗e4 ♗h6 39.g5 ♖f8 40.f3 ♕×g5 41.♖e1 ♖g8 42.♔f2 ♗×e4 43.d×e4 ♕d2+ 44.♖e2 ♕c1 45.♖e1 ♕×c2+ 46.♖e2 ♕c1 47.♖e1 ♕d2+ 48.♖e2 ♕g5 49.♕g3 ♕×g3+ 50.h×g3 ♗e3+ 51.♔g2 ♗f4 52.g4 ♔g7 53.e5 ♖e8 54.♖e4 d3 55.♔f2 d2 56.♔e2 ♖×e5 57.♖×e5 ♗×e5 58.♔×d2 a5 0-1

Arshaq Saleem (2054) − Mark Kende (1885) 2014 Expert+ Open (1)
1.d4 g6 2.c4 ♗g7 3.♘f3 d6 4.♘c3 a6 5.e4 ♗g4 6.♗e3 ♘c6 7.♗e2 e5 8.d5 ♗×f3 9.♗×f3 ♘d4 10.♗e2 ♘e7 11.0-0 0-0 12.♖b1 f5 13.f3 f4 14.♗f2 g5 15.b4 ♕e8 16.c5 ♕g6 17.h3 h5 18.♗d3 g4 19.♔h1 g3 20.♗g1 ♕f6 21.a4 ♖fc8 22.a5 ♘g6 23.♖c1 ♘h8 24.♘a4 ♘f7 25.♖e1 ♕h4 26.♗f1 ♘g5 27.♖c3 ♖f8 28.♕c1 ♘b5 29.♖d3 ♘d4 30.♖ed1 ♘g×f3 31.c×d6 c×d6 32.♘b6 ♖ad8 33.♕c7 ♘g5 34.♕×b7 ♘df3 35.♖×f3 ♘×e4 36.♖c1 ♘g5 37.♖c7 ♘f7 38.♗d3 ♕g5 39.♕×a6 e4 40.♗×e4 ♖de8 41.♗c2 ♖e1 42.♖f1 f3 43.♖×e1 f×g2+ 44.♔×g2 ♕d2+ 45.♕e2 ♕×b4 46.♖×f7 1-0

Daniel Brashaw (2102) − Ben Fabrikant (2026) 2014 Expert+ Open (1)
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 ♘c6 5.♘f3 ♘h6 6.a3 f6 7.♗×h6 g×h6 8.b4 c×d4 9.c×d4 a6 10.g3 ♗g7 11.♗g2 0-0 12.♕e2 f×e5 13.d×e5 ♕c7 14.♖a2 ♘×e5 15.♘×e5 ♕×e5 16.0-0 ♕×e2 17.♖×e2 ♗d7 18.♖c1 ♖ac8 19.♗h3 ♗d4 20.♔g2 ♖fe8 21.♗×e6+ ♗×e6 22.♖×e6 ♖×c1 23.♖×e8+ ♔f7 24.♖d8 ♖c2 25.♖d6 ♖×f2+ 26.♔h3 ♖b2 ½-½

Suhas Kodali (2012) − Mark Kende (1885) 2014 Expert+ Open (2)
1.e4 g6 2.d4 ♗g7 3.♘c3 d6 4.♘f3 a6 5.♗e2 b5 6.a4 b4 7.♘d5 a5 8.c4 b×c3 9.b×c3 e6 10.♘e3 ♘e7 11.0-0 0-0 12.♖b1 d5 13.e5 ♘f5 14.♘×f5 e×f5 15.♘e1 ♗e6 16.♘d3 ♘d7 17.♖b5 ♖e8 18.♗a3 ♘b6 19.♘c5 c6 20.♖b2 ♘c4 21.♗×c4 d×c4 22.♘b7 ♕g5 23.♕c1 f4 24.g3 ♗h3 25.♖e1 ♗h6 26.♕×f4 ♕×f4 27.g×f4 ♗×f4 28.♖eb1 ♗f5 29.♘d6 ♗×b1 30.♘×e8 ♖×e8 31.♖×b1 ♗d2 ½-½

Robert Reynolds (2026) − Christopher McKinney (2080) 2014 Expert+ Open (2)
1.♘f3 d5 2.c4 d×c4 3.e3 ♘f6 4.♗×c4 ♘c6 5.d4 e6 6.0-0 ♗e7 7.♘c3 0-0 8.e4 h6 9.a3 b6 10.♕d3 ♘a5 11.♗a2 c5 12.e5 ♘h7 13.♖d1 c×d4 14.♘×d4 ♖e8 15.b4 ♘b7 16.♕g3 ♗h4 17.♕g4 f5 18.♘×f5 ♕c7 19.♗×h6 ♖e7 20.♘×e7+ ♕×e7 21.♘e4 ♕f8 22.♕×h4 g×h6 23.♘f6+ ♘×f6 24.e×f6 ♔h8 25.♖ac1 ♘d6 26.♖×d6 ♗b7 27.♖d7 1-0

Kushan Tyagi (2062) − Jeremy Madison (2025) 2014 Expert+ Open (2)
1.d4 c5 2.d5 e5 3.g3 d6 4.♗g2 f5 5.♘c3 ♘f6 6.e4 ♗e7 7.♘ge2 0-0 8.0-0 f×e4 9.♘×e4 ♘×e4 10.♗×e4 ♗h3 11.♗g2 ♗×g2 12.♔×g2 ♘d7 13.f4 ♗f6 14.f×e5 ♗×e5 15.♗f4 ♕e7 16.c3 ♘b6 17.♕d3 ♖ae8 18.♗d2 ♗f6 19.♘f4 c4 20.♕f3 ♗e5 21.♖ae1 ♕f7 22.♖f2 ♗×f4 23.♖×e8 ♖×e8 24.♗×f4 ♘×d5 25.♗×d6 ♕×f3+ 26.♖×f3 ♘e3+ 27.♔g1 ♘g4 28.h3 ♘f6 29.♗c5 a6 30.♖e3 ♔f7 31.♖×e8 ♔×e8 32.♗d4 ♔f7 33.b3 ♘e4 34.♔g2 ½-½

Tim Mc Entee (2203) − Dan Brashaw (2102) 2014 Expert+ Open (2)
1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♗g7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 0-0 6.♗e3 e5 7.♘ge2 ♘c6 8.d5 ♘e7 9.g4 ♘e8 10.♘g3 f5 11.g×f5 g×f5 12.♘h5 ♘g6 13.♘×g7 ♘×g7 14.♕d2 ♕h4+ 15.♔d1 b6 16.♔c2 f4 17.♗f2 ♕e7 18.h4 ♘h5 19.♗e2 ♔h8 20.♖ag1 ♘g3 21.♗×g3 f×g3 22.♖×g3 ♘f4 23.♗f1 ♗d7 24.♘e2 a5 25.♘×f4 ♖×f4 26.♕g2 ♖af8 27.♖g1 ♕e8 28.♖g7 ♖4f7 29.♕g5 1-0

Arshaq Saleem (2054) − Awonder Liang (2363) 2014 Expert+ Open (2)
1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♗g7 4.e4 d6 5.♗e2 0-0 6.♘f3 e5 7.d5 a5 8.♗g5 ♘a6 9.♘d2 h6

2014 Expert Open

No.	Name	Rate	1	2	3	Score
1.	Awonder Liang	2345	W15	W10	D3	2.5
2.	Kushan Tyagi	2060	W11	D5	W9	2.5
3.	Robert L Reynolds	2026	W6	W4	D1	2.5
4.	Christopher McKinney	2094	W13	L3	W10	2.0
5.	Jeremy Madison	2025	W9	D2	D6	2.0
6.	Tim R Mc Entee	2203	L3	W7	D5	1.5
7.	Daniel Brashaw	2102	D8	L6	W13	1.5
8.	Ben Fabrikant	2026	D7	L9	W11	1.5
9.	Jose Miguel Gatica	2098	L5	W8	L2	1.0
10.	Arshaq Saleem	2048	W12	L1	L4	1.0
11.	George S Eichhorn	1900	L2	W15	L8	1.0
12.	Mark Kende	1885	L10	D13	D14	1.0
13.	Suhas Kodali	1998	L4	D12	L7	0.5
14.	Ivan Wijetunge	1878	-U-	-U-	D12	0.5
15.	Joey Michael Kelly	2030	L1	L11	-U-	0.0

2014 Broken Pawn Reserve

No.	Name	Rate	1	2	3	4	Score
1.	Tony Dutiel	1891	W12	W10	W6	D2	3.5
2.	Tim Crouse	1800	W19	W11	W8	D1	3.5
3.	Adream Liang	1848	W15	L8	W14	W11	3.0
4.	Bethany Carson	1546	W18	L6	W19	W14	3.0
5.	Aaron S Anderson	1409	L14	W21	W20	W10	3.0
6.	Joseph Meyer	1768	W16	W4	L1	D8	2.5
7.	William J Polzin	1752	W20	D14	L10	W18	2.5
8.	Jon McKinney	1598	W17	W3	L2	D6	2.5
9.	Andrew D Smith	1406	-N-	-H-	W16	W17	2.5
10.	Frank Li	1694	W13	L1	W7	L5	2.0
11.	Steve H Jacobs	1563	W23	L2	W12	L3	2.0
12.	Tim Carson	1325	L1	W13	L11	W20	2.0
13.	Seth Derby	968	L10	L12	W23	W19	2.0
14.	Edin Divanovic	1920	W5	D7	L3	L4	1.5
15.	Ana L Denison	1225	L3	D17	L18	W21	1.5
16.	Chandler Schmidt	1089	L6	D18	L9	W23	1.5
17.	Able Liang	905	L8	D15	W21	L9	1.5
18.	Cliff Yates	nnnn	L4	D16	W15	L7	1.5
19.	Chirag Jain	1157	L2	W22	L4	L13	1.0
20.	Christine Denison	1088	L7	W23	L5	L12	1.0
21.	Anson James	1101	-H-	L5	L17	L15	0.5
22.	Jon Mccord	793	-N-	L19	-U-	-U-	0.0
23.	Angelva S Liang	552	L11	L20	L13	L16	0.0

2014 Chess.Com Team Iowa meet-up

No.	Name	1	2	3	4	Score
1.	iwijetunge	-B-	W7	W8	W5	4.0
2.	SpaceBux	-B-	-N-	D5	W8	2.5
3.	Merlin Pendragon	L7	W5	W9	-U-	2.0
4.	TheBestMan	-H-	-H-	W7	-U-	2.0
5.	SirBenjamin	W8	L3	D2	L1	1.5

These are the Proposed Qualification Rules to be modified by the March 29, 2014 meeting of the Iowa State Chess Association Board of Directors.

The Iowa Closed Championship

1. The Iowa Closed Championship is held annually in order to determine the state champion.
2. The championship will be decided in a six-player round robin tournament held in late March or early April as determined annually by the IASCA Board.
3. The championship will be played using a time control of Game in 90 minutes with a 30-second increment.
4. If a player during the championship withdraws from the tournament for any reason other than an emergency, that person will not collect qualifying points during the next cycle and will not be eligible to enter the next Iowa Closed Championship. The emergency must be verified by the IASCA Board.
5. The championship will be USCF rated. It may also be FIDE rated at the discretion of the IASCA Board and if advertised as such in advance.

Qualification for the Iowa Closed Championship

1. The cycle for qualifying events is April 1 to March 31 of the following year.
2. The clear winner of the preceding year's championship is awarded an automatic berth, provided he or she has played in two qualifying tournaments (with having been paired and available to play in more than half the rounds in each tournament) in the current cycle.
3. The clear winner of the preceding year's championship does not accumulate qualifying points in the current cycle.
4. If the preceding year's title is shared, then the co-champions must requalify through the normal process. Co-champions accumulate qualifying points like all other players.
5. The five (or six if the championship title is shared or the previous champion has not played in the required number of tournaments) players who earn the most qualifying points receive bids.
6. In situations where two or more players vying for the last qualifying spot are tied, tiebreaks are used in order as needed until a player is selected to compete.
   a. played in the most qualifying events in the most recent cycle with having been paired and available to play in more than half the rounds in each tournament
   b. for ties involving only two players, had the best head-to-head score in qualifying events in the most recent cycle; for ties involving three or more players, omit "b" and proceed to "c"
   c. had the highest official USCF rating according to the March rating list in the most recent cycle
   d. had the highest official USCF rating in the most recent cycle
   e. random drawing
7. Out-of-State IASCA members are eligible to compete in the Iowa Closed Championship. They must play in four qualifying tournaments in the current cycle as current IASCA members, with having been paired and available to play in more than half the rounds in each tournament. (If there are fewer than four qualifying events in a cycle, then they must play in all.) Their points will be awarded only after they have played in the minimum number of tournaments, and this may result in the need to recalculate the points of other players.
8. While these Qualification Rules aim to be accurate and complete, exceptional or unforeseen circumstances may arise. Such situations will be addressed by the IASCA Board.

Iowa Resident Definition

1. Adults, minors, and college students who live in Iowa for the majority of the current qualification cycle are considered Iowa residents by the IASCA.
2. Members serving in the armed forces who have an Iowa residence as their primary residence and are on active duty elsewhere are considered Iowa residents by the IASCA.

General Rules for a Qualifying Tournament

1. A proposed event must be cleared through the IASCA Clearinghouse Director to make sure the tournament meets the necessary requirements and does not conflict with other tournaments.
2. It will be held at a non-smoking site.
3. It will require all participants to be current in dues to the IASCA at the start of the tournament.
4. Players must be IASCA members at the start of the tournament in order to be eligible for qualifying points from the tournament.
5. A qualifier fee that is used to fund the Iowa Closed Championship will be paid to the IASCA via the Treasurer.
6. It will be sponsored by a USCF affiliate and held in Iowa unless approved by the IASCA Clearinghouse Director.
7. It will be USCF rated.
8. It will be held on a weekend commencing no sooner than 6:00 P.M. on Friday.
9. In order to be eligible for qualifying points, IASCA members must achieve a score at least equal to 50% of the total number of rounds in the tournament, with having been paired and available to play in more than half of the rounds in the tournament. This means that in a 4-round tournament a player must score at least 2.0, with having been paired and available to play in at least 3 rounds. In a 5-round tournament a player must score at least 2.5, with having been paired and available to play in at least 3 rounds.
10. In the case of ties, qualifying points will be split evenly according to place. For example, if first place gets 8 points and second place gets 6 points, then both will receive 7 points if they were involved in a two-way tie for first place in the tournament and both were eligible for qualifying points.
11. If a qualifying event permits it, reentry into a tournament is permitted. A player who reenters a qualifying event is eligible for qualifying points just like any other new player.

Types of Qualifying Tournaments

There are four types of qualifying tournaments: Super Grand Prix Qualifier, Grand Prix Qualifier, Qualifier, and Mini-Qualifier.

Super Grand Prix Qualifier Requirements

1. A fee of $1 per player in the open section will be paid to the IASCA to fund the Iowa Closed Championship.
2. The qualifying points that will be awarded are the following: 18, 13.5, 12, 10.5, 9, 7.5, 6, 4.5, 3, and 1.5.
3. There will be a minimum number of 5 rounds scheduled.
4. The tournament will guarantee at least $500 in prizes in the open section.
5. The chief director for the event must higher than a club-level TD.
6. The recommended time control is Game in 90 minutes with a 30-second increment. Other time controls are permitted, but each player must have a minimum of 120 minutes for all of his or her moves, assuming the game lasts 60 moves.
7. The Iowa Open is the only Super Grand Prix Qualifier.

2014 Expert Open Report

By Hank Anzis

The $1150 Expert Open was held at the Marshalltown Salvation Army on February 8th with 14 current or former experts from Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, and Wisconsin along with house player Ivan Wijetunge of 'Getting to 2000' blogging fame making the trip through the snowy weather to compete for the $1150 in guaranteed prize money that Tim McEntee was able to secure from an anonymous sponsor. While top seed Awonder Liang defeated Joe Kelly in the first round, second seed McEntee suffered a 177 point upset at the hands of his 2007 Iowa co-champion Bob Reynolds. The other notable upset of the round was Jeremy Madison's 73 point win over 2012 champ Jose Gatica. In round 2, Liang stayed unbeaten by winning over Iowa K-8 champ Arshaq Saleem while Reynolds scored another upset, this time a 68 point reversal of Chris McKinney. Liang and Reynolds entered the final round with the only 2-0 scores when Madison and state high school champion Kushan Tyagi drew their game.

Tyagi was the leader in the clubhouse at 2.5 points when his defeat of Gatica was the first result among the leaders. Madison worked hard to match Tyagi's pace against McEntee but was held to a draw which denied Jeremy not only a share of the clubhouse lead but the upset prize by one point over Reynolds, whose game with Liang was the last to finish. Reynolds and the world 10 year old champion battled for 3 and half hours, the last hour in a bishop vs. knight ending with equal pawns before agreeing to a draw and a shared championship with Tyagi. Liang and Tyagi earned $334 for their play, with Reynolds taking home $384 by pocketing the $50 upset prize.

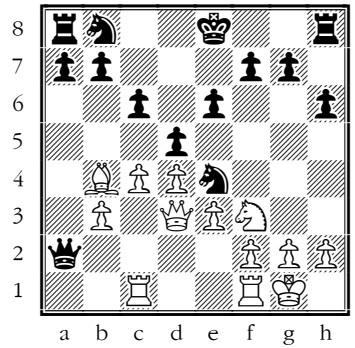
23 players took part in the companion tournament, the Broken Pawn Reserve U2000. The top seeds all found their way to victory in round 1 but upsets were on tap in round 2 when top seed Edin Divanovic had to take a perpetual check against Will Polzin while third seed Adream Liang lost to Jon McKinney. This left four 2-0 scores after two rounds: second seed Tony Dutiel, fourth seed Tim Crouse, fifth seed Joe Meyer, and eighth seed McKinney. In round three Dutiel defeated Meyer in a close encounter while Crouse beat McKinney to set up a final round showdown which ended as a drawn game, a shared championship, and $75 for each player. In the final round battles for the under 1800 cash, Aaron Anderson scored a 285 point upset over Frank Li while Bethany Carson defeated Divanovic in a 374 point upset to share the $50 prize. Bethany's father Tim beat Christine Denison in a final round showdown to get an even 2-2 score and share the $50 U1400 prize with Seth Derby who defeated Chirag Jain in their final round money showdown.

The meet-up of the chess.com 'Team Iowa' group had a half dozen members of the group (including the three admins 'Merlin-Pendragon', 'SirBenjamin', and 'Spacebux') taking a break from their online battles with other chess.com groups to compete in a face to face tournament with at least half dozen team members competing in the Expert or Reserve section or directing the tournament. The tournament was a rout with iwijetunge combining a first round bye and three wins for a 4-0 mark with Spacebux finishing second with 2.5 points and Merlin-Pendragon taking third with 2.0 points before the group departed to nearby Zeno's Pizza for a meet-up party.

Tournament Organizer Tim Mc Entee said "Due to the success of this initial event, next year, we will hold it again on Saturday, February 7. The expert requirement will remain the same, the time control will remain the same. Still need to secure funding for the event and a location."

Tournament director Hank Anzis wishes to thank Major Paul Fleeman of the Salvation Army (a chess blogger and class E tournament player), Majors Beth and Ben Stillwell, and Youth At-Risk director Keith Lambersten for the use of the building and their continued support of the Marshalltown Chess Club, Ivan Wijetunge and Jon McCord for serving as house players, Tim McEntee for bringing a unique concept to life, Ben Tessman for bringing me a Zeno's Pizza and a special thanks to the entire Liang family, Suhas Kodali, and Akhilesh Tyagi for helping put away the tables and chairs after the tournament.

9. ♖c1 If 9.♗×f5? then 9…♗×c3+ and Black wins a piece. And 9.♕c2 fares no better at preventing Black's impending tactic. **9…♗×d3 10.♕×d3 ♘e4! 11.0-0 ♗×c3 12.♗×c3 ♕×a2 13.♗b4**

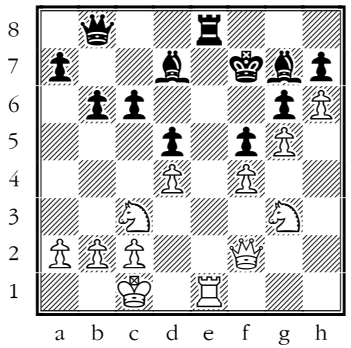


White attempts to trap Black's queen but to no avail, since Black has an avenue of escape (albeit one that is not easily seen). **13…♘a6 14.♗d2** The impatient 14.♖a1? fails to 14…♘×b4. And if 14.♗d6 then 14…♕a5. **14…♘×d2** Now if 15.♖a1 then Black safely retreats via 15…♕d8. **15.♘×d2 ♕a5 16.c×d4** The alternative 16.♗f4 would have resulted in better piece activity for White. **16…e×d4 17.e4 0-0 18.e×d5 ♕×d5 19.♘c4 c5! 20.♖fd1 ♖ad8** Now White's d-pawn is toast. **21.♘e3 ♕×d4 22.♕b5** Presumably in order to attack the undefended b-pawn and avoid swapping queens. **22…♕b4!** Sorry, but you *will* trade queens. **23.♕×b4 c×b4 24.♘d5 ♔h7** To prevent the annoying ♘e7+. **25.g3** Providing *luft*, which will be needed later. **25…♖c8 26.♖a1 ♖fd8 27.♖d4?** Trying to pick off the stray b4 pawn but allowing Black to commence with a game-winning tactic. **27…♘c7 28.♖ad1 ♘×d5 29.♖×d5 ♖×d5 30.♖×d5 ♖c3 31.♖b5 ♖×b3 32.♖×b7 a5 33.♖a7 ♖b1+ 34.♔g2 ♖a1 35.♔f3 b3** Now White can't stop Black from queening his a-pawn. **36.♖b7 a4 37.♔e3 ♖b1 38.♔d2 a3 39.♖a7 a2 40.♔c3 a1=♕+ 41.♖×a1 ♖×a1 42.♔×b3 ♖f1** White's resignation is overdue. **43.f4 ♖h1 44.h4 ♖g1** "Resistance is futile." **45.♔c4 ♖×g3 46.♔d4 ♖g4 47.♔e3 ♖×h4 48.♔f3 h5 49.♔g3 ♖g4+ 50.♔h3 f5 51.♔h2 h4 52.♔h3 ♖×f4 53.♔g2 g5 54.♔h2 g4 55.♔g2 ♖a4 56.♔f2 h3 57.♔g3 ♖a3+ 58.♔h2 f4 59.♔g1 g3 60.♔f1 ♖a2 61.♔e1 h2 62.♔f1 h1=♕#** It would have been more gentlemanly to promote to a rook, but whatever. **0-1**

The second game features Clive's only lifetime win over another strong Iowa Scholastic player. (In the remaining games in this series he has tallied one loss and seven draws.)

2014 Iowa Barber K-8 Qualifier (2-1-14)
Jordan Creek Elementary School (West Des Moines, IA)
White: Gokul Thangavel (1694)
Black: Clive Power (1653)
Pirc Defense-Argentinian

1.e4 d6 2.d4 ♘f6 3.♘c3 g6 4.f3 ♗g7 5.♗e3 0-0 6.♕d2 c6 7.♗c4 ♘bd7 8.♘ge2 ♘b6 9.♗b3 d5 10.e5 ♘e8 11.g4 White gets aggressive. **11…f5 12.e×f6(ep) e×f6** Recapturing with the e-pawn (rather than any of the three pieces available to do the job) in order to avoid being saddled with an isolated e-pawn and to prepare for a timely push of Black's f-pawn. **13.h4 f5 14.g5 ♘d6 15.0-0-0 ♘bc4 16.♗×c4 ♘×c4 17.♕d3 ♘×e3 18.♕×e3 ♕c7 19.f4** Seemingly better was 19.♘f4, which supports an eventual h5. **19…♗d7 20.h5 ♔f7 21.♘g3 ♖h8 22.♖he1 ♖ae8 23.♕f2 ♕b8 24.♘a4 b6 25.♘c3 ♖×e1 26.♖×e1 ♖e8 27.h6?** Although



probably intended to push Black's dark-squared bishop off of its long diagonal – or to h8 where it is immobilized – this move allows Black to commence with a tactic that wins a couple of pawns. **27…♖×e1+ 28.♕×e1 ♕×f4+ 29.♕d2 ♕×d2+** 29…♕×g3 30.h×g7 ♕g1+ 31.♘d1 ♔×g7 also wins. **30.♔×d2 ♗×d4 31.♔d3 ♗×c3** Black seizes the opportunity to simplify into a winning endgame. **32.♔×c3 c5 33.b4 d4+ 34.♔c4 ♗e6+ 35.♔b5 c×b4 36.♔×b4 ♗×a2** Black is now unequivocally winning. **37.♔b5 ♗b1 38.♘e2 d3! 0-1** If 39.c×d3 then the killer fork 39…♗×d3+ wins the knight and the game outright; if 39.♘c3 then 39…d2 and White cannot stop Black from eventually queening the d-pawn.

8. The Iowa Open is to be held during or close to Labor Day weekend.
9. The Iowa Open will be advertised as a Super Grand Prix Qualifier in the *En Passant* and on the IASCA website.

Grand Prix Qualifier Requirements

1. A fee of $1 per player in the open section will be paid to the IASCA to fund the Iowa Closed Championship.
2. The qualifying points that will be awarded are the following: 12, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, and 1.
3. There will be a minimum number of 5 rounds scheduled.
4. The tournament will guarantee at least $250 in prizes in the open section.
5. The chief director for the event must be higher than a club-level TD.
6. The recommended time control is Game in 90 minutes with a 30-second increment. Other time controls are permitted, but each player must have a minimum of 120 minutes for all of his or her moves, assuming the game lasts 60 moves.
7. Any USCF affiliate may hold a maximum of two Grand Prix Qualifiers per cycle.
8. The tournament will be advertised as a Grand Prix Qualifier in the *En Passant* and on the IASCA website.

Qualifier Requirements

1. A fee of $1 per player in the open section will be paid to the IASCA to fund the Iowa Closed Championship.
2. The qualifying points that will be awarded are the following: 8, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, and 1.
3. There will be a minimum number of 5 rounds scheduled.
4. The recommended time control is Game in 90 minutes with a 30-second increment. Other time controls are permitted, but each player must have a minimum of 90 minutes for all of his or her moves, assuming the game lasts 60 moves.
5. Any USCF affiliate may hold a maximum of two Qualifiers per cycle.
6. The tournament will be advertised as a Qualifier in the *En Passant* and on the IASCA website.

Mini-Qualifier Requirements

1. A fee of $1 per player in the open section will be paid to the IASCA to fund the Iowa Closed Championship.
2. The qualifying points that will be awarded are the following: 6, 4, 3, 2, and 1.
3. There will be a minimum number of 4 rounds scheduled.
4. The recommended time control is Game in 60 minutes with a 5-second delay. Other time controls are permitted, but each player must have a minimum of 60 minutes, assuming the game lasts 60 moves.
5. Any USCF affiliate may hold a maximum of three Mini-Qualifiers per cycle.
6. The tournament will be advertised as a Mini-Qualifier in the *En Passant* and on the IASCA website.

If you can find a path with no obstacles, it probably doesn't lead anywhere. Frank A. Clark.

He who has a why can handle any how. Nietzsche

Puzzle Time Answer: **1.♕e7 h5 2.♕g5#**

From Tom Hesse:

My term as an IASCA At-Large Director expires at the end of March 2014, and I have decided not to run for reelection. I have too much going on right now, and I need to cut some things out. If you are interested in the position, contact Secretary Ron Nurmi to get your name on the ballot for the election on March 29. I've been an At-Large Director since I volunteered to fill a vacant spot back in 2010, and I am thankful for the opportunity to work with everyone in helping to promote chess in Iowa.

Director At-Large Candidates:

My name is Cassidy 'Cub' Noble, I am a senior triple major at the University of Northern Iowa at the age of 19. Currently, I am majoring in Accounting, Organizational Leadership (Management), and French. I am interested in the At-Large Director position from a recommendation by Thomas Hesse who is stepping down from the position. I really enjoy the game of chess as well as getting others involved in playing whether that be tournament based or not.

In my fairly short chess career, I have helped jumpstart a club at my former high school and currently at the University of Northern Iowa. I have also directed several local tournaments in the Ankeny and Cedar Falls area. I feel like allowing me on the Board would provide a fresh new twist to the Iowa State Chess Association, no one of my age has held a position like this before and it will help rejuvenate the younger demographic to continue playing past the typical high school drop-off time period.

I feel like I would be a good fit for the position for my love of the game and love of everyone that plays it. I can bring to the table a drive to succeed as well as a drive to push forward into the future. My age will also be a benefit; I do not look at it as a negative from my lack of experience but rather a benefit because I look at what could be rather than what has always been. I would be grateful to have this position to bring to life what chess can do for people over the board and in real life as well.

James Hodina's Director at-Large is up for reelection as well. Jim is interested in running again.

The secretary position is up for election. Ron Nurmi will run again, but has informed us that this will be his last term.

Moving the En Passant to an online publication will be discussed.

The membership fees will be discussed as well.

♖e3+? when 57. …♖(e)×♖! opens up d5 for White's king!) **57.…♔d1, 58.♖d2+ ♔c1, 59.♖c2+ ♔b1, 60.♖c1+** (Once again avoiding a blunder by 60.♖b2+? when 60.… ♖×♖ gives White's king two free squares. I had a certain fascination with White's move selections, even if it was a computer and even if it did cost me the victory!) **60. …♔b2, 61.♖b1+ ♔a3, 62.♖a1+ ♔b4, 63.♖×a4+ b×♖** (Good news? The b-pawn, which was the main culprit in the stalemate position, is no longer restricting the White king. Bad news? My king ***is***.) Stalemate!

So let's return to the original position. Obviously, avoiding it is the best option but after it happens, how do we salvage our pride, along with the half point? It's pretty clear from my efforts that White can avoid giving my rooks a chance to move out of their stalemate positions. And getting rid of the b-pawn didn't turn out too well, either. Is there any way to give White's king some breathing room if the b-pawn and the rooks can't move? Examine the position carefully. (Hint: Why can't White's king capture the rook on e5?)

Now let's try it again. **52.♖g6+ ♔h5, 53.♖h6+ ♔g5, 54.♖h5+ ♔g6, 55.♖h6+ ♔f7, 56.♖×f+ ♔e7! (56.♔×♖?? {or 56.g×♖??}** are Black's final chances to stumble into stalemate in this position.) Once the f-pawn is gone and isn't replaced with the king or g-pawn, the rook is undefended and the stalemate is lifted… almost! **57.♖a6** (57.♖e6+?! would have been White's last gasp at stalemate if 57… ♔×♖?? but 57.… ♖×♖! ends all hope.) Now the ways to victory are many, as long as we give his king some air.

The desperado stalemate is a two-edged sword; one can either be its victim or use it to save our own games. In both cases, we need to master it. Hopefully writing about my frustrating experience will be of some help to you. One final thought: stalemates usually happen in cramped positions, many times on the edges of the board or in tight pawn formations. This one happened in the middle of the board in a wide-open position. Stalemates should always be in the back of our minds in ***all*** endgame positions, even a "completely won" endgame, like mine!

Matt and Clive Power Annotate:

Clive played several memorable games during the first quarter of 2014 that I thought might be of interest to readers of *En Passant*. I have submitted two of them for the current issue, both of which include light annotations that combine Clive's and my thoughts. Although Clive and I carefully reviewed these games together, we did so without the aid of a chess engine, so of course our remarks are undoubtedly flawed and far from authoritative. Enjoy them for what they're worth.

The first game was an interesting and unlikely matchup between the highest-rated fifth-grader in Illinois and the 5th grade champion of Iowa.

2014 Bradley Winter Open (1-25-14)
Bradley University, Robert H. Michel Student Center (Peoria, IL)
White: Jason Scott Daniels (1797)
Black: Clive Scott Power (1592)
Queen's Gambit Declined-Slav
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.♘f3 h6 5.e3 Better, it seems, would have been 5.♗f4 first (in order to develop the dark-squared bishop to a strong square and avoid blocking it in). **5. … ♗f5 6.b3** It appeared to us that better were 6.♗d3 (to contest the b1-h7 diagonal) or 6.c×d5 (to open the c-file with better prospects of gaining space and optimal piece development). **6…e6 7.♗b2 ♗b4 8.♗d3 ♕a5** White is already in trouble.

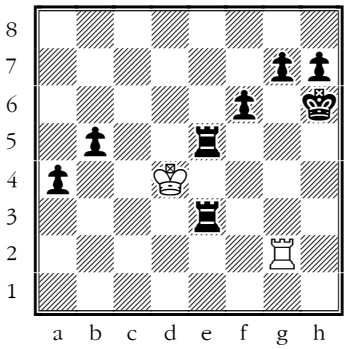
The Desperado Stalemate

By Sam Smith

For the last few years I've been working with my friend Jodene Kruse on various chess activities in Sibley and the Iowa Great Lakes region. Lately she has been holding tournaments on a fairly regular basis in Sibley and since many of the players are kids, I've learned a lot about the strengths and weaknesses of younger players.

One of the things that drives chess coaches and chess parents nuts is the large number of stalemates that happen in games between scholastic players. The first piece of advice that any good scholastic chess coach tells their players is "Never resign, no matter how hopeless it looks!" And time after time, this advice pays off. Part of the problem stems from the fact that many kids never bother to fully master the elementary checkmates and thus they don't understand how to plan their final winning moves. Part of the problem stems from their tendency to move too quickly. And part of the problem is there are, for all intents and purposes, an infinite number of ways to fall into a stalemate. As chess teachers we can show the kids some of the more common ones but we can't even scratch the surface of possible ways to turn a sure win into a disappointing draw.

I was recently reminded of this fact in one of my own computer games against a Class C-level personality on my Chess-Master program. I had managed to win a bishop using my trusty Budapest Defense, followed that up with winning the Exchange, and turned that into a two rooks vs. one rook advantage, as well as being up by three pawns. Eventually I captured all of White's pawns so my hapless opponent was facing 2 connected pawns on the queenside, 3 connected pawns on the kingside, as well as being down a rook. I easily could have won the game in a dozen different ways, including by sacrificing both my rooks for his one! Here was the position:



I have mentioned that a lack of planning can bring about a stalemate. Well, in my case that wasn't the situation since I decided to lock down my queenside with **51. ... ♖b3?** before beginning my final assault. A decent enough plan, except I failed to notice that with my rook on b3, White's king can't move!

Now one of the chessboard's rarest creatures made its appearance. Smothered mates are rare, under-promotions in actual games are rare, and so are the maneuvers which I have dubbed 'desperado stalemates'. 'Desperado' is a chess term for a trapped piece that goes out in a blaze of glory by doing as much damage to the opponent as possible before being captured. Sometimes that involves capturing as much material as possible, sometimes ruining the enemy pawn formation, and sometimes something else. In this case, White can get a draw by stalemate if he can get rid of his own rook, so **52.♖g6+!**

I immediately saw that I had screwed up 'big-time' and that I had to either escape check and get a free move or exchange rooks and loosen my grip on the king to give it some breathing room. Unfortunately, because the desperado stalemate is such a rare creature, I have had limited experience facing one and I wasn't able to escape .....at first. **52.... ♔h5, 53.♖h6+ ♔g4, 54.♖h4+ ♔g3, 55.♖h3+ ♔f2, 56.♖f3+** (Obviously, taking White's rook with mine doesn't solve my problem!) **♔e2, 57.♖f2+** (White avoids the blunder

Saleem and Brashaw tie for Winter Open Title

By Mark Capron

The Winter Open was held at the Kirkwood Room in Iowa City on January 11. I was pretty nervous holding a tournament in the middle of winter in Iowa, but pleasantly surprised with the turnout. We had 33 players show up! Dan Brashaw and Arshaq Saleem both went undefeated on their path to the shared title. Luis Peralta had an excellent tournament only losing to champion Brashaw in the last round. Doc Nakhasi from Alabama/Waterloo, IA showed up at the last moment...just in time to have me repair the first round. I was glad to see him again as it had been several years. The tussle for qualifier points had Bob Keating, James Neal, and Dan Vasto share the left overs after Arshaq and Dan took the majority share. The tournament was a success and a donation was made to the IASCA. I plan to hold the series of events again next year (Coralville Classic, Louis Paulsen Holiday Open, and the Winter Open).

No.	Name	St	Rate	1	2	3	4	Score
1.	Brashaw, Dan (4)	IA	2074	W12	W5	D6	W10	3.5
2.	Saleem, Arshaq (7)	IA	2029	W14	D10	W22	W6	3.5
3.	Keating, Robert F (2)	IA	2170	L10	W17	W24	W19	3.0
4.	Vasto, Daniel (3)	IA	2096	W11	D13	W19	-H-	3.0
5.	Neal Ii, James Ale (8)	IA	1988	W27	L1	W18	W13	3.0
6.	Mc Entee, Tim R (1)	IA	2214	W16	W9	D1	L2	2.5
7.	Zhou, Ziwen (5)	IA	2068	L13	W18	W29	D9	2.5
8.	Reynolds, Robert L (6)	IA	2044	-H-	L19	W28	W17	2.5
9.	Koenig, Seth A (9)	IA	1969	W28	L6	W21	D7	2.5
10.	Peralta, Luis M (11)	IL	1849	W3	D2	W15	L1	2.5
11.	Hesse, Thomas (12)	IA	1807	L4	-H-	W32	W22	2.5
12.	Thompson, Tony D (13)	IA	1784	L1	D15	W25	W23	2.5
13.	Medrano, Daniel (14)	IA	1771	W7	D4	W23	L5	2.5
14.	Archibald, Brian (16)	IA	1724	L2	W31	W30	-H-	2.5
15.	Gatton, Albert Arn (21)	IA	1522	W33	D12	L10	W24	2.5
16.	Wijetunge, Ivan (10)	IA	1871	L6	D28	W27	-H-	2.0
17.	Nakhasi, Ashok (18)	AL	1616	W29	L3	W31	L8	2.0
18.	Rector, Richard L (19)	IA	1593	W20	L7	L5	W31	2.0
19.	Johnson, Robert A (20)	IA	1579	W21	W8	L4	L3	2.0
20.	Lodh, Anish (27)	IA	1259	L18	L30	-B-	W29	2.0
21.	Felgar, Stan L (28)	IA	1219	L19	W33	L9	W30	2.0
22.	Reedy, Edward (22)	IL	1495	D25	W32	L2	L11	1.5
23.	Broich, William (23)	IA	1448	-H-	W25	L13	L12	1.5
24.	Hopkins, George A (25)	IA	1310	W30	D27	L3	L15	1.5
25.	Jain, Chirag (30)	IA	1145	D22	L23	L12	-B-	1.5
26.	Power, Matthew Sco (31)	IA	1136	D32	L29	W33	-U-	1.5
27.	Krishnamurthy, Pra (15)	IA	1741	L5	D24	L16	D28	1.0
28.	Thangavel, Gokul (17)	IA	1696	L9	D16	L8	D27	1.0
29.	Stumpf, Eric Karl (26)	IA	1264	L17	W26	L7	L20	1.0
30.	Thomasson, Samuel (32)	IA	1133	L24	W20	L14	L21	1.0
31.	James, Anson (33)	IA	1109	-B-	L14	L17	L18	1.0
32.	Takahashi, Michael (24)	IA	1426	D26	L22	L11	-U-	0.5
33.	Fiedorowicz, Owen (29)	IA	1154	L15	L21	L26	-H-	0.5

Spotlight On: Arshaq Saleem

How long have you been playing chess and how did you start? I started playing chess competitively in 2009, however my dad introduced me to Chess in 2004.

What was the first OTB tournament you played in and how did you do? My first OTB tournament was the annual Weber Elementary Chess Tournament. It was an unrated tournament and I finished 2.5/5. I had 2 wins, 2 losses, and one draw. My first rated tournament was the Iowa Elementary Team Championship in February of 2009 where I finished 2/5. Tim McEntee was the tournament director.

Do you play Correspondence Chess? Not really, but I play occasionally on Chess.com for Team Iowa and between NW Jr. High team.

Do you play chess on the Internet? Yes, I play on ICC (Internet Chess Club) and on Chess.com.

What do you think of Chess on the Internet? I think it is a great way to test out new openings and improve tactical skills, however if a player gets too addicted to bullet or blitz chess it can also be detrimental.

What has been your greatest success in chess? My greatest success so far is crossing the 2000 rating barrier. It was not easy to pass, but I managed to do it in the 2013 U.S Open. My best tournament result was winning the Susan Polgar World Open for Boys and Girls in 2012. I won the K8 championship.

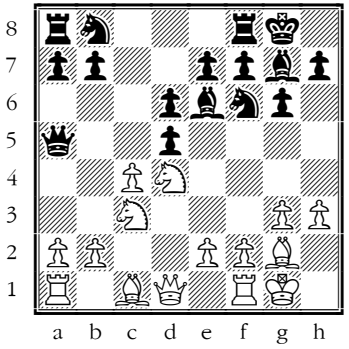
What other hobbies do you have? I enjoy watching and playing basketball. I have a black belt in taekwondo. I am continuing to enjoy when time permits.

Tell us some about your family? My parents are both from South of Chennai, India (home state of former world champion Vishy Anand). They are currently US Citizens. My mom works at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, and my dad works for Verizon Communications. I was born in Cedar Rapids. Iowa.

Who is your favorite chess player of all time? My favorite player is Viswanathan Anand, not because he is from my parents home country. Like Kasparov and his great predecessors, Vishy inspired a generation to take on Chess. Magnus Carlson's title win will inspire more youngsters.

Do you have a favorite game you have played?

Turgut,Tansel (2367) – Saleem,Arshaq (2005) [E62] Greater Midwest class (4), 30.11.2013. This game was played at the Greater Midwest Class. I lost the first two rounds so I reentered and was able to get 2/3. I was paired with a strong master from Chicago. **1.d4 ♘f6 2.♘f3 g6 3.c4 ♗g7** Signaling the King's Indian Defense. **4.g3** This is the Fianchetto Variation. It looks quite tame, but it contains a lot of venom. **4...0-0 5.♗g2 d6 6.♘c3 c6** This is the Kavalek Variation. **7.0-0 ♕a5 8.h3 ♗e6 9.d5! c×d5 10.♘d4!**



This was the tactical justification to 9.d5. By pinning the d-pawn because of the threat of ♗×b7, white will simply take on e6 and then on d5, with an advantage.

10...d×c4! This strong exchange sacrifice is the reason this line is okay for black. If he instead played ♗d7, then after c×d5 white has an advantage. **11.♗×b7 ♘a6** This move is slightly inaccurate. Better was ♘bd7 which transposes into the main

Wickham Wins Weber-Borlaug Tournament
By Romy Lodh

Wickham was represented with 18 wonderful chess players, ranging from 1st grade to 6th grade; there were a total of **134** participants at the tournament. The top 4 scores toward the team win were from: Anish Lodh had a perfect score of 5 wins, Andrew O. & Dillon Geng were undefeated with 4 wins & 1 draw, and Sarah O. had a strong 4 wins.

Wickham Awards list:

Grade	First Name	Last Name	Tournament Ranking/ Awards
3	Siva	Mannengi	Honorary mention: 4th place - Grade 3; lost on tie break
4	Nathan	Yanacheak	Honorary mention: 4th place - Grade 4; lost on tie break
6	Jacob	Nyberg	Honorary mention: 4th place - Grade 6; lost on tie break
4	Akash	Basri	3rd place - Grade 4
3	Marcus	Brintle	2nd place - Grade 3
1	Anjali	Lodh	2nd place - Overall Girls
5	**Sarah**	**Ogrin-Cotarlan**	**9th place - Overall**
6	**Dillon**	**Geng**	**6th place - Overall; undefeated: 4 wins, 1 draw (against the strongest player in the tournament!!)**
3	**Andrew**	**Ogrin-Cotarlan**	**5th place - Overall; undefeated: 4 wins, 1 draw**
3	**Anish**	**Lodh**	**1st place - Overall; undefeated: 5 wins**

One particular use of symbolic metaphor is to help us navigate complexity by reducing it to simpler, more manageable concepts. Chess is a powerful reducing agent. It can reduce a whole battlefield or city or planet down to sixty-four squares. And yet, within that simplistic frame, chess retains its active quality, like a snow globe, it shrinks things down, but retains its dynamic essence. From "The Immortal Game: A History of Chess," by David Shenk, page 56.

2014 Iowa Girls Championship

January 11, 2014 — Iowa City — TD: Eric Vigil, James Hodina

#	Player	Pre	Post	Pre-Q	Post-Q	1	2	3	4	T
1	Knecht, Teresa Ph	1145*	1206*	1191*	1246*	W15	W12	W8	W3	4.0
2	Denison, Ana L	1190*	1179*	1218*	1207*	W7	W9	L4	W10	3.0
3	Carson, Charity	1222*	1220*	1251*	1249*	W13	W6	W5	L1	3.0
4	Carson, Sarah Fai	1180*	1184*	1191*	1196*	W14	W10	W2	L5	3.0
5	Hodina, Regan E	1141*	1153*	1148*	1162*	W18	W11	L3	W4	3.0
6	Meng, Alice	766*	779*	784*	797*	W22	L3	W18	W16	3.0
7	Kingston, Shirlin	561*	713*	587*	741*	L2	W19	W20	W9	3.0
8	Meng, Nina Renee	805*	792*	830*	816*	W16	D17	L1	W15	2.5
9	Roth, Danielle V	924*	876*	988*	937*	W19	L2	W17	L7	2.0
10	Saxena, Anushka	803*	808*	821*	826*	W20	L4	W13	L2	2.0
11	Lodh, Anjali	709*	672*	713*	676*	W21	L5	L15	W17	2.0
12	Albrechtbuehler,	687/23	648*	720/23	680*	W23	L1	L16	W19	2.0
13	Vigil, Crissy	531*	548*	550*	566*	L3	W22	L10	W18	2.0
14	Ovel, Chloe Elise	472/05	421/08	477/05	428/08	L4	L20	B0	W21	2.0
15	Wu, Athena	493/09	559/13	497/09	565/13	L1	W23	W11	L8	2.0
16	Ho, Vivien	358*	439*	384*	464*	L8	B0	W12	L6	2.0
17	Keeney, Sierra Ma	253/24	288*	263/24	299*	B0	D8	L9	L11	1.5
18	Fiedorowicz, Isab	395*	386*	400*	392*	L5	W21	L6	L13	1.0
19	Chalkley, Lilia	394/22	386*	427/22	418*	L9	L7	W22	L12	1.0
20	Du, Heidi	345/10	394/13	371/10	415/13	L10	W14	L7	U0	1.0
21	Tang, Jenny	417/00	174/04	417/00	179/04	L11	L18	W23	L14	1.0
22	Curtu, Alexandra	484/00	217/04	484/00	233/04	L6	L13	L19	W23	1.0
23	Zhao, Aileen Yin	385/00	101/04	385/00	101/04	L12	L15	L21	L22	0.0

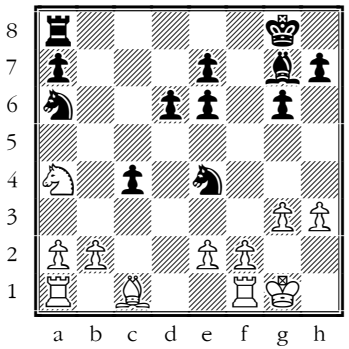
Whether you think you're ready or not, just start right now. There is magic in action. Unknown

If your opponent offers you a draw, try to work out why he thinks he's worse off. Nigel Short

A good sacrifice is one that is not necessarily sound but leaves your opponent dazed and confused. Rudolph Spielmann

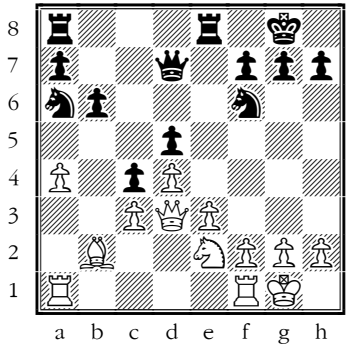
The highest art of the chessplayer lies in not allowing your opponent to show you what they can do. Garry Kasparov

line. I didn't want to play ♘bd7 because of ♘c6, but after ♕h5! black hits h3 and will be fine. **12.♘×e6 f×e6 13.♗×a8 ♖×a8 14.♕a4 ♕×a4 15.♘×a4 ♘e4** Let's take stock: White is up the exchange for a



pawn. Black has a powerful bishop a mobile pawn center and the half-open B file. All this means that black probably has a slight advantage. **16.♖b1 ♘ac5 17.♘×c5 ♘×c5 18.b3?!** I think that giving me the strong c3-pawn was a mistake. Better was ♔g2, but after ♖b8, black has pressure. **18...c3 19.♗e3 ♖c8 20.♖bc1 ♘e4 21.♖c2** ♗×a7 is met by c2 followed by ♗b2. **21...a6 22.♖d1 d5 23.g4 ♘d6 24.♗c1 ♘b5** I want my knight to come into d4. **25.e3 a5 26.♔f1 ♘a7 27.♖d3 a4!** I think this was a clever move because I free up the c4 square for my pieces. **28.b×a4** b4 ♘b5 was unpleasant for black. **28...♖c4 29.a3 ♔f7 30.f3 ♘c6 31.♔e2 ♘a5 32.e4?** I think this move might have been the losing move. White allows black to push his pawn to d4 and if you look at white's pieces, they don't exactly have a lot of space. **32...d4 33.f4 e5 34.♖f3 ♘b3 35.f×e5+ ♔e6 36.♗f4 ♗×e5 37.♗×e5 ♔×e5 38.♖f7 ♖c7 39.♔d3 ♘c5+ 40.♔c4 ♘×e4+ 41.♔d3 ♘c5+ 42.♔c4 ♘×a4+ 43.♔b3 d3 44.♔×a4 d×c2 45.♖f1 ♖b7!** A nice move to cut off the king. **46.♖c1 ♖b2 47.♔a5 ♔d4 48.a4 ♔d3 49.g5 0-1**

That is a great game. How about your favorite game someone else has played? My favorite game would probably be Botvinnik- Capablanca, AVRO 1938 **1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.e3 d5 5.a3 ♗×c3+ 6.b×c3 c5** This move is considered to be an inaccuracy as the resulting pawn structure is known to favor white. Better was 0-0 followed by b6 and ♗a6. **7.c×d5 e×d5 8.♗d3 O-O 9.♘e2** The reason the knight comes here is so that white can play f3, ♘g3 followed by e4. **b6 10.O-O ♗a6 11.♗×a6 ♘×a6 12.♗b2 ♕d7 13.a4** This seemingly-odd move stops black from freezing his queenside with ♕a4. **♖fe8 14.♕d3 c4** The battle lines are now drawn with black's last move: white will play for a kingside attack while black tries to gobble up white's queenside pawns and survive the attack.



15.♕c2 ♘b8 16.♖ae1 ♘c6 17.♘g3 ♘a5 18.f3 ♘b3 19.e4 White decides that his attack is worth more than a pawn. **♕×a4 20.e5 ♘d7 21.♕f2 g6 22.f4 f5** This move attempts to freeze the attack. **23.e×f6!** The only way to proceed with the attack. At that time this kind of move was not generally thought as good. It shows how modern Botvinnik is. **♘×f6 24.f5 ♖×e1 25.♖×e1 ♖e8 26.♖e6** This is the only good move. If he traded off on e8, then he would have no attack. **♖×e6 27.f×e6 ♔g7 28.♕f4 ♕e8 29.♕e5 ♕e7 30.♗a3!!** This brilliant decoy sacrifice lures the queen away from defending the kingside so white can deliver the final blow. **♕×a3 31.♘h5+! g×h5 32.♕g5+ ♔f8 33.♕×f6+ ♔g8 34.e7** Although this move does win, g3 which provides the king with an escape square

on h3, followed by e7 is quicker. However, Botvinnik's line is a bit more graphic with his king ending up on h5. ♕c1+ 35.♔f2 ♕c2+ 36.♔g3 ♕d3+ 37.♔h4 ♕e4+ 38.♔×h5 ♕e2+ 39.♔h4 ♕e4+ 40.g4 ♕e1+ 41.♔h5

Do you have a favorite book? My favorite book is 'The Art of Learning' by Josh Waitzkin.

Do you have a favorite chess book? 'Reassess Your Chess' by Jeremy Silman

What is your favorite quotation? Chess quotation? "You miss 100% of the shots you don't take." - Wayne Gretzky
"Without error there can be no brilliancy." - Emanuel Lasker

Do you have a favorite chess opening? I have always wanted to play the Slav Defense.

Do you have a favorite chess ending? I like minor piece endgames.

Do you have a favorite movie? Batman Begins

What is your favorite Food? I like Italian Food

What is your favorite Color? Blue

Any advice you would want to give to new players of the game? Be patient. In chess, no matter what your rating is, you will face tough losses. Don't be discouraged when you lose. Take it as a learning opportunity and see what you can do better next time. Show respect to senior players as you can always learn from them and have fun!

Anything else you would like to add? I am fortunate to be in a community where chess is prominent. I am growing up in a stimulating environment where I have many friends who are interested in chess and this also helped me a lot in developing my own chess. Our Northwest Junior High team is looking forward to playing in the Junior High Nationals in Atlanta, April 2014. I am also looking forward to representing our great state of Iowa at the Barber tournament this summer.

Thank you for your time Arshaq and best of luck in the future.

Arshaq at 2014 Expert Open; photo reprinted with permission from Hank Anzis.

Teresa Knecht repeats as Girls State Champion

By Eric Vigil

On Jan 11th 23 Girls set out at Kirkwood Community Colleges Iowa City Campus on the quest for the right to represent Iowa at the National Girls Invitational Tournament to be held in conjunction with the 2014 US Open in Florida. In the field were Teresa Knecht returning girls champion, Ana Denison the highest USCF ranked player (1241), the ever dangerous and wishing to follow their sister Bethany's Footsteps Carson Sisters, Faith and Charity, and Regan Hodina wanting to make her father proud. Round one, Ana Denison held off Shirlin Kingston in an upset scare. Shirlin had Ana up two pieces, and threatened to pull off the upset. Ana cool as a cucumber, and sporting an orange (hamster?) hat remained calm and castled. Then utilizing tempo initiative was able to checkmate Shirlin. In my opinion it was the most exciting match of the day. It reminded me of the famous immortal game Anderssen Vs Kieseritsky 1851 where Anderssen sacs 3 pieces including his queen to checkmate Kieseritsky. If you were to look at the position it is using the same double knight bishop mating net technique. Round 2 showed the top five dominating their competition. The upset of the round was Sierra Keeney of Coralville Central pulling off a draw against Nina Meng 470 points above her. Danielle Roth and Ana Denison faced off in the first (and my personal favorite of hat styles) battle of the hats. All the games ended 20 minutes early and allowed us all a leisurely lunch, for which as a tournament director, you are always grateful. Round 3 spiced things up! The Carsen Sisters were on fire! Faith using her cowgirl hat up strategy wrangled a victory over top seed Ana Denison, and Charity Carson defeated Regan Hodina, as Teresa Knecht remained undefeated setting up a climactic 4th and final round with 3 undefeated players going at it. Unfortunately this created a pairing nightmare for myself and Jim as there were some players who would end up with 3 blacks out of 4. We consulted the rule book and on the 5th set of tiebreaks for color pairing were able to come up with what we hoped were the most fair pairings. I thought in my mind I may have to travel to the Carson's living room with my guitar and watch the Sisters battle it out as there are no tiebreakers for #1 in this tournament. Last year I spent two Sunday afternoons in the Coralville Library watching Arshaq Saleem and Ziwen Zhou battle it out for the Iowa K-8 title. Round 4, Board 1, Charity White vs Teresa Black this is where the grit of being a state champion came through, Teresa had to play Black 3 of 4 games, and as the time ticked away she managed to use a one pawn advantage into a win. On Board 2 Regan Hodina ignored the fact she had to get to her grandfathers wedding and pulled an upset over Faith Carson. I understand she was a little late, but she made her dad proud, and hopefully her grandfather too. Jim has told me that this tournament is one of his favorite Scholastic events, and this year was no different. I truly enjoyed being the tournament director. Cleanup was a cinch with helpful players and parents, games went smoothly, and level of chess was great! I will be honored if called upon to do this tournament again next year.

To be calm is the highest achievement of the self. Zen Proverb.